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# School Climate Peer Network for Local Educational Agencies

Join a cohort of peers working to improve school climate through participatory data use practices.

## Overview of the School Climate Peer Network

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The Western Educational Equity Assistance Center (WEEAC) invites local educational agencies (LEAs) to apply for participation in a no-cost, virtual peer network launching in 2026.

The School Climate Peer Network is designed for LEA teams to enhance their capacity for engaging in data use practices that support a positive school climate. Together, we aim to

- explore effective approaches for collecting and analyzing school climate data in partnership with students, staff, family, and community members;
- identify meaningful metrics that effectively capture the essence of belonging, connection, and engagement within the school community; and
- build capacity for facilitating participatory and collaborative data reviews that ensure that diverse perspectives are integrated, yielding richer insights.

## Who Should Join

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Each participating LEA will identify a team of two or three committed individuals to engage in five virtual sessions in 2026. Through these interactive and collaborative sessions, LEAs will benefit from

- engaging in networked learning to improve school climate practices,
- connecting and collaborating with fellow LEAs, and
- receiving support and guidance from WEEAC staff and content experts.

This network is open to any LEAs regardless of where they are on their school climate data use journey. LEAs from the following states and territories may apply: *Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawai'i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.*

## Key Components of the Peer Network

- **Core Team:** Each participating LEA will have a team of two or three members, known as the Core Team. With coaching from the WEEAC team, Core Teams will identify assets and opportunities for collaborative, data-informed school climate improvement. The Core Teams will make connections to existing district plans that support existing LEA school climate initiatives (e.g., multi-tiered systems of support, school safety initiatives, school improvement efforts).
- **Pre-Series Check-In Call:** The WEEAC team will meet with each Core Team or team lead to explore the team's strengths and needs identified in the application and to collaboratively determine an area of focus.
- **Kickoff Session:** This 60-minute virtual session will provide an overview of the School Climate Peer Network, an opportunity for participants to meet and share focus areas, and an opportunity to ask questions about the Peer Network.
- **Virtual Group Sessions:** There will be four 90-minute virtual sessions. Each session will include time for the following:
  - **learning:** short presentations on key topics
  - **sharing:** hearing from a participating LEA about work they are doing related to the session topic
  - **processing:** time to discuss with peers in other LEAs
  - **planning:** Time with colleagues/team members or solo time to plan how to apply learning
- **Resources:** WEEAC will provide additional resources that Core Teams can use to deepen their learning.
- **Timing:** The School Climate Peer Network will launch in February 2026.



Apply Today

For more information about the School Climate Peer Network, visit [weeac.wested.org](https://weeac.wested.org) or email [weeac@wested.org](mailto:weeac@wested.org).

The application asks for your contact information and the contact information of at least one other team member, basic information about your LEA, and responses of one to three paragraphs to three prompts. [Visit this link to apply.](#)