Empower school leaders. Improve student outcomes.

Now more than ever, school leaders need to flex to meet students’ unfinished learning and social-emotional learning needs. We are here to help you create meaningful change in school leader practice that has measurable impact on teaching and learning. Through a research-driven, holistic approach, NWEA School Improvement Services partners with you to deliver a customized school improvement plan that empowers school leaders as the central agents of change. The result? More supportive school environments, enhanced instructional quality, and improved student outcomes.

**THEORY OF ACTION**

*WHAT*

Build school leader capacity:
through embedded and ongoing professional learning and coaching
grounded in the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL)

*HOW*

Aligned to the five essential factors for school improvement

*RESULT*

Improved student outcomes through:
change in school leader practice
more supportive school environments
enhanced instructional quality

A proven and effective framework

Our approach to organizing school improvement strategies is grounded in the well-researched and nationally renowned Five Essentials Framework from UChicago Impact. This evidence-based approach focuses on the five essential school-level factors needed to improve student outcomes: Ambitious Instruction, Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Supportive Environment, and Involved Families.

Tailored to drive impact

We know that every district and school has unique needs. Our customized approach to school improvement is based on a research-backed needs-assessment process. We work with you to identify your unique needs and improvement areas by thoroughly evaluating current school and district conditions and performance. By pinpointing root causes, we can help you better determine what school improvement services will most effectively help you reach your goals.

The Five Essentials

Research shows that schools that are strong on at least three of the five essentials were 10 times more likely to show substantial gains in student learning.¹

- Ambitious Instruction
- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Supportive Environment
- Involved Families

¹https://uchicagoimpact.org/sites/default/files/5eframework_outreach%26marketing%20%281%29.pdf
Empowering school leaders

Activating school leadership to drive change is key to creating school environments that support sustained, continuous improvement. We focus on leader professional learning and coaching across all aspects of school improvement that can impact student outcomes—including supportive environment and involved families—to develop school leader competencies that result in meaningful gains for teaching and learning.

An equitable approach supporting both mastery AND growth

Our model focuses on proficiency and meeting grade-level expectations while also looking at where kids are starting out and their readiness for learning to determine potential instructional adjustments. This ensures a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable approach to supporting growth and proficiency for every child.

Using data to inform teaching and learning

Building on NWEA’s deep expertise around the use of student assessment data to inform instruction, we help schools and districts maximize their data and put all the pieces of the puzzle together. We partner with educators to apply insights to all data sources that impact student outcomes—from surveys to assessments to attendance records—to develop, implement, and sustain your plans for school improvement.

ABOUT NWEA

NWEA is a not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by providing assessment solutions, insightful reports, professional learning offerings, and research services. Visit NWEA.org to find out how NWEA can partner with you to help all kids learn.