

Professional learning series: Creating Supportive Environments

Before students can learn new information, make connections, or take on challenges, they must feel emotionally and physically safe in their surroundings. That's why creating and sustaining ideal conditions for learning is more than a "nice to have" for schools—it's a critical lever for improving student outcomes.

The new Creating Supportive Environments professional learning series from NWEA® explores the importance of supportive environments within the context of instruction to help educators create more equitable teaching and learning experiences in their school community and daily professional practice.

Identify and eliminate barriers to learning

Address systemic challenges in the classroom that have limited or blocked sustained achievement of learners in traditionally marginalized populations.

Activate teachers in support of students

With sessions oriented around the craft of teaching, equity becomes part of every instructional planning conversation, so new insights are highly relevant and immediately actionable.

Explore equity holistically

Our suite of equity-focused workshops develops awareness around the six key entry points for equity: mindsets, relationships, products, spaces, processes, and systems.

Grounded in research

We align our content with evidence-based methods and best practices in the areas of:

- equity in education
- culturally responsive and sustaining education
- social-emotional learning
- family engagement
- funds of knowledge
- anti-racist practices

Workshops

Leveraging Data for Equity

This is an opportunity for educators to examine their understanding of how data can be an entry point for equity. Participants will look at how student identities impact their learning; how academic needs and readiness are unique and circumstantial; and how data can be used to promote equitable practices.

Equitable Data Frames

Explore how to bring different dimensions of equity into data conversations. Educators will examine how dispositions, beliefs, and data identities can impact teaching and learning; the roles of assessment and data; and the importance of assessment empowerment for learners. They will also learn how to organize equitable data dialogues in a collaborative learning cycle.

Equitable Instructional Practices

Learn how the intersection of equity and formative assessment practice shapes student engagement and success. Educators will explore the impacts of their instructional practices and beliefs on student engagement.



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