

What do I do with my clock hours?

We get that question and others related to credits and transcripts quite a bit, especially at this time of year. Since there are often several different answers to these questions depending on how or where the credit/transcripts have been earned, our goal is to try to clear up some of the confusion.

Clock hours and college credit can both be used to advance on the salary schedule and for renewal of your certificate. It takes 10 clock hours to equal 1 college quarter credit, so keep in mind that if you have a class that would allow you to gain either 18 clock hours or 1 quarter credit, the 18 clock hours will move you further on the salary schedule. The deadline for both clock hours and transcripts is September 30 for advancement in 2018-19.

You should be aware that clock hours can't be applied to higher education college programs and may not be portable should you move out of state.

Please note:

- Individuals are responsible for their own documents and submission to Human Resources (HR) for advancement on salary schedule and OSPI for certification.
- The information that needs to be sent to HR to receive credit for advancement on the salary schedule includes actual transcripts or clock hour receipts along with the [Credit Approval Form](#).
- The District's Professional Learning department does not report clock hours that you have earned to HR or OSPI. That is your responsibility.
- LWEA, WEA, and other outside agencies don't provide the District with your transcripts or receipts. These are given to you and it is your responsibility to send the forms to HR along with the [Credit Approval Form](#).
- The District does not report your clock hour or credit information to OSPI. It is your responsibility to communicate that information in order to advance on the salary schedule as well as keep your certificate current and renewed. This is done using the [E-Certification system](#) through OSPI.

Important: In order to receive clock hours for your Quality Professional Learning (half page pink sheets used for LEAP time), send the forms to the Professional Learning Department by May 5 for processing. Do not combine these sheets with any other clock hour transcripts or receipts from any other training.

For faster processing – send your transcript and/or receipts (along with the Credit Approval Form) to the appropriate tech in HR:

Eastlake LC: [Allie Petesch](#)

Redmond LC: [Bailey Poggie](#)

Juanita LC: [Brittany Medhaugh](#)

Lake WA LC: [Megan Biesinger](#)

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Learn About National Board for Professional Teaching Certification

Have you been considering pathways towards professional certification? Then we invite you to attend this information session on May 10 (from 4:30 – 5 PM) in the Curriculum Library at the Resource Center.

National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession and is a voluntary process established by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Certification is achieved through rigorous performance-based assessments that can take 1-5 years to complete. The process measures what accomplished teachers/librarians or school counselors should know and are able to do. In addition, holding a valid NBPTS certificate satisfies the ongoing clock hour requirement for 5 years of a teaching certificate, or the requirements of the Washington State Professional Certificate, whichever is applicable.

Additional information for National Board Certification is available by visiting the [NBPTS website](#), calling 1-800-22TEACH, or contacting [Kathy Colombo](#).

If you are interested in attending this session please sign up through **INFORM** (located on the LWSD Staff Portal).

If you have questions regarding registration for the meeting, please contact [Pattie Grohl](#) or 425-936-1253.

Our next year's NB Cohort begins on June 23. You must attend the LWSD Foundations (June and August) or WEA Jump Start to complete components 2-4 with LWSD.

More insights from WEA RA delegates

Last week we shared some comments from a number of our delegates to the WEA RA in Spokane. This week we continue with the comments from more delegates.

It was my distinct privilege to attend the WEA RA in Spokane this year. I am proud and honored to have taken part in this democratically run process to positively affect educators in our state and I was deeply moved by Washington State Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu's address to us. As a champion of social justice, civil rights, and public education, her message of hope was truly inspiring! I am more committed than ever to taking an active LWEA/WEA role in supporting our students, our profession, and our democracy!

Kathy Aslamy, Blackwell

The WEA RA was a fascinating experience! It was also very informative. The assembly gave me the chance to hear about the many issues other unions in the state felt strongly about and witness first-hand the democratic process of approving these initiatives. I walked away from the WEA RA feeling more knowledgeable, confident and united as a union member.

Aurora Capone, Juanita Elem

Congratulations to Christy Wood!

Christy Wood, a teacher from Rose Hill Middle School, has been selected for the LiftOff Summer Institute to be held at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. LiftOff is a collaborative effort of Texas Space Grant Consortium members and affiliates, NASA, and industry. Teachers apply to the program and are selected competitively.

The week-long institute features a series of workshops, hands-on activities, field investigations, and presentations by NASA scientists and engineers working on various missions.

Congratulations to Christy – what an exciting adventure ahead!



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Thinking about lifting that box?



As the school year comes to a close, many of you may find yourselves faced with moving to a different building or a different classroom within the same building. Please remember that it's extremely important that you not lift or move heavy boxes, furniture or equipment, since doing so can put you at risk for serious injuries.

District-owned items will be moved to your new location over the summer. Make sure you label clearly so that the items make it to their destination without any problems.

You're responsible for moving all of your own personal items. Use extreme caution in doing so. Pack boxes lightly and lift only what you can reasonably handle. Enlist the help of others for heavier objects. For those who have to move personally-owned larger items like sofas, bookcases, and other furniture, consider using a professional moving service.

This is also true for elementary science kits. Teachers should not be moving heavy science kits to and from their classrooms. Ask your custodian to move the kits for you.

The risk of injury is not worth it – when in doubt, don't move it!

Be part of the LWSD superintendent search process

Over the next few weeks, there will be opportunities for staff, students, parents and community members to have input into the important superintendent search process. At the beginning of the process, input gathered through surveys (see below), focus groups, and community meetings will be used to help define the position profile and desired selection criteria for an ideal candidate. It will also inform the board of the issues and overall climate of the school district. Ultimately, the School Board makes the final decision on hiring the next superintendent of Lake Washington School District.

SURVEY*: Two surveys will help us gather input from our community. The "30 Qualities of a Superintendent Survey" asks you to share what leadership qualities, expertise and experiences matter most to you in a superintendent. The "District Review Survey" asks you to talk about the strengths, challenges, issues in the district and the goals and values for public education in Lake Washington.

30 Qualities of a Superintendent Survey*: [English](#)
District Review Survey*: [English](#)

Surveys will close on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 8 AM.

MEETINGS: Eight staff focus group meetings are scheduled to gather input:

- Wed., May 2 (3-4 PM) LWHS Commons
- Wed., May 2 (3-4 PM) RHS Cafeteria
- **ADDED: Thurs., May 3 (4:15-5:15 PM) LWHS Commons**
- **ADDED: Thurs., May 3 (4:15-5:15 PM) Redmond Middle School Commons**
- Wed., May 9 (3-4 PM) EHS Band Room
- **ADDED: Wed., May 9 (4-5 PM) EHS Band Room**
- Wed., May 9 (3-4 PM) Kamiakin MS Cafeteria
- **ADDED: Wed., May 9 (4-5 PM) Kamiakin MS Cafeteria**



* Survey provided by Ray & Associates.

For more information, [visit the Superintendent Search page of the LWSD website.](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

LWHS freshman class fundraiser – Kid Valley on LW Blvd will receive a portion of the proceeds from the entire day of 5/18. Doesn't a milk shake sound good? (Amanda Layton, LWHS).

Considering solar for your home? I'd be happy to chat w/ you about my experience & how much money you could be saving on your energy bill. Lynn Armstrong (RC) 425-301-4142.

Challenge gift helps teachers cure cancer faster at Obliterate: Bike riders & walkers from across our region will gather in Seattle on August 11 to fundraise for the cutting-edge cancer research at Fred Hutch. In its first 5 years, the Fred Hutch Obliterate has brought together over 5,000 Fred Hutch supporters & raised over \$12 million for cancer research. 100% of every Obliterate raised dollar goes to the Hutch, thanks to support from event sponsors. Thanks to a challenge gift, teachers who register for Obliterate on 5/8, Teacher Appreciation Day, will receive funds towards their Obliterate fundraising. By registering on 5/8, they are already well on their way to meeting their fundraising goal by receiving anywhere between \$50-\$250, depending on the route, through the challenge gift. Cancer touches all of us, & we invite you to join us in curing cancer faster. Learn more by emailing us at info@obliterate.org or call at 206-667-7433.

WANTED

Male physician (35 yrs old) **seeking housemate**, M or F. House is 3-bedroom, furnished, on large corner lot, cul-de-sac, Finn Hill area of Kirkland. Bedroom is 101 sq ft. Includes W/D, dishwasher, & storage in garage. 5 min to bus stop. Available now. Initial 3 mo lease then option for longer. \$750/mo plus 1/2 utilities & wireless (\$125). Contact Brian at 206-715-8572. (Kathleen McConaha, Retired).

Large rolling duffel bags (30 to 36") to use for travel to Kibera, Kenya in June. I will be working at an elementary school & need them to pack school supplies. Beth Weaver (McAuliffe) beth340@comcast.net.

FOR SALE

Moving sale: Sojin grand **piano**, walnut satin finish, beautiful tone, \$4,500. Oak **china cabinet** w/ hutch & sideboard shelf, no scratches, \$450. Tropitone **patio set**, 54" round table w/ 2 regular & 2 high-top swivel chairs, purchased 2003, still in good condition, \$450. Kathleen McConaha (Retired) 206-715-8576.

Kohler & Campbell **baby grand piano**, \$4,000. Lynn Armstrong (RC) 425-301-4142.

SERVICES

Student Loan Forgiveness workshop: No cost workshop features information on addressing student loan debt via both forgiveness & refinancing options. Learn about how to best deal w/ the burden of student debt & have a chance to meet an expert on the topic. Located at the Redmond Community Center in Marymoor Village on May 22. 2 sessions (3-4 PM & 4-5 PM). To register go to Eventbrite.com, search Lake Washington Student Loan Solutions. Questions, Contact Kelly Cooley at Horace Mann Insurance, 425-939-6862.

Marketplace

Ads are run in the Update on a first come, first served basis. All ads need to be in written form. Send directly to Sheila Hagerman at shhagerman@lwsd.org.

Ads are subject to approval of the LWEA Executive Committee and may be edited for length.

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Calendar

May 5

National Board Renewal

May 7-11

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 9

National School Nurse Day

May 13

Give your mom a hug!

May 15

Executive Committee

May 16

Wine and Wisdom

May 19

National Board Renewal