The Academy for Rising Educators (ARE)

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What We’ll Cover Today:

• Seattle Excellence Strategic Plan
• ARE: Our Signature Strategy
• Educator Diversity Pathway Updates
  • ARE Program (Including AA Degrees & transitions)
  • C2C
  • STR
  • *NEW* CWU STEM
Strategic Plan Priorities

- High Quality Instruction and Learning Experiences
- Predictable and Consistent Operational Systems
- Culturally Responsive Workforce
- Inclusive and Authentic Community Engagement
Strategic Plan Priority 3 Goals

Staff will improve their culturally responsive professional practice

The diversity of staff and leadership at schools and central office will increase
Increasing the Diversity of the Educator Workforce

At Seattle Public Schools, we are working to dramatically improve academic and life outcomes for Students of Color by disrupting the legacies of racism in our educational system. This work supports our commitment to make sure every student graduates prepared for college, a career, and community participation.
The Academy of Rising Educators (ARE) is a comprehensive strategy that allows us to achieve the goals in the SPS Strategic Plan. ARE is Seattle Public Schools' teacher pathway program that aims to get high school students and classified employees of color on the road to a college degree and teaching certificate – regardless of current level of educational attainment.

Multiple pathways, endless possibilities.
ARE Pathways

HELP BUILD THE FUTURE. ACADEMY FOR RISING EDUCATORS

ROAD TO RISING EDUCATORS

OPTION 1
- Work toward AA attainment
- Where: Seattle Central College
- Tuition: For HS students, free with Seattle Promise; for adults, substantial support available from SPS

OPTION 2
- Work toward Bachelors Degree and/or teacher certification
- Where: Seattle University, City University, North Seattle Colleges or UW Early Childhood BA
- Tuition: Substantial support from SPS
- Employment: Full-time SPS IA (required for funding support)

OPTION 3
- Work toward Masters Degree and Certificate
- Where: University of Washington (Seattle Teacher Residency or SEHI programs)
- Financing: Substantial support from SPS

DESTINATION
- Become a Seattle Public Schools teacher
- Where: SPS locations
- Pay: SPS salary schedule
- Employment: 3-5 year commitment in SPS
**ARE Pathways and Demographics**

**OPTION 1: AA Attainment**
- Pathway 1A: High School Students Seeking AA Degrees
- Pathway 1B: Adult Learners Seeking AA Degrees

**OPTION 2: Bachelors Degree and/or Teaching Certificate**
- Pathway 2: Class to Cert Program:
  - Seattle University
  - City University
  - North Seattle College
  - *Central Washington University*
  - UW Early Childhood BA

**OPTION 3: Masters Degree**
- Pathway 3: Class to Cert Program
  - UW - Seattle Teaching Residency (STR) or
  - UW - Special Education High Incidence (SEHI)
Effective Outreach & Recruitment

• Strategies
  • High School Engagements
  • Class 2 Cert Roadshow presentations across the city aimed at current IAs
  • Community Centers, Churches, Charter Schools, Happy Hours, Barbershop Talks

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Mentorship & Persistence

• Strategies
  • Provide hands on mentorship/advising/counseling on enrollment, FAFSA
  • Provide tuition assistance
  • Mentor and connect with students regularly

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Culturally Responsive Professional Development & Preparation

• Strategies
  • Established the Grow Your Own Collective Partnership:
    • Using best practices based on the national Grow Your Own Collective, including cohort-based placement, monthly support structures, and foundational racial equity coursework to augment traditionalized teacher education programs, ARE prepares candidates of color to teach and model anti-racism within SPS.
    • Developed The *Teaching for Liberation (T4L)* curriculum, which is a multi-year plan for providing critical race theory-informed opportunities to deepen pre-service preparation and the first three years of classroom teaching experiences.
  • GYO partnering with our PGES organization for synergy opportunities as we work to align our work with ARE with the SPS induction programs for our early career educators.
Thank you!

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