

Being Present Matters

144,738 Students Served Statewide* | **6,509** Case Managed Students
Over **430,240** Basic Needs Items Distributed to Students and Families

Network Footprint

212 K-12 Schools within **49** School Districts

1. CISWA State Office
2. Benton-Franklin
Benton County
Franklin County
3. Blue Mountain Region 
Umatilla County
Walla Walla County
4. Central Washington 
Yakima County
5. Greater King County
King County
6. Lakewood
Pierce County
7. North Central Washington
Grant County
Chelan County
Douglas County
8. Northeast Washington
Ferry County
Stevens County
Spokane County
9. Peninsula
Kitsap County
Pierce County
10. Puyallup
Pierce County
11. South King County
King County
12. Tacoma
Pierce County
13. Whatcom-Skagit
Skagit County
Whatcom County



Demographics of Case Managed Students*

66% BIPOC Students **31%** White **3%** Other/Unknown **88%** FRPL*** **72%** Experienced Trauma

STATEWIDE COMPARISON	1,105,384 Students Enrolled in Washington Public Schools**	LOW INCOME 49.8%	ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS 15.1%	EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS 3.9%	FOSTER CARE 0.3%
	144,738 Students Receiving CIS Support*	88%	26%	10%	2%

STUDENT-LEVEL IMPACT GOALS*	ATTENDANCE 72.5%	ACADEMICS 84%	BEHAVIOR 91%	SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING 92%
	met or made progress on their attendance goals	met or made progress on their academic goals	met or made progress in their behavior goals	met or made progress in their social-emotional goals
	99% K-11 Stayed in School → 87% 12th Graders Graduated/GED			

*Demographic reflects 6,509 case managed students during 2024-25 **Data Points for Washington State provided by OSPI during 2024-25

***Students qualifying for Free and Reduced Priced Lunch

Mission

Our mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Who We Are

At Communities In Schools we believe that every student, regardless of race, gender, ability, zip code, or socioeconomic background has what they need to realize their full potential in school and beyond. We walk by their side, in their communities, to challenge the systems and barriers that stand between them and their success in life.

2026 Legislative Priorities

Our 2026 legislative priorities focus on addressing the root causes of inequity that prevent students from fully engaging in school and thriving academically. CISWA recognizes the challenge of meeting urgent needs while also upholding the state's constitutional duty to its students. We are advocating for policies and investments that reduce chronic absenteeism through integrated students support, strengthening stability by improving access to basic needs and health services, and protect the school-community partnerships that are essential to the success of Washingtonians. CISWA also supports balanced and progressive revenue solutions to ensure long-term investments in education, health, and community-based supports.

Reduce Chronic Absenteeism through Integrated Student Supports

Washington continues to face persistent and inequitable rates of chronic absenteeism—often driven by unmet needs and systemic barriers. Addressing absenteeism requires a coordinated, student-centered approach that removes barriers to learning. CISWA supports state investments and policy solutions that strengthen Integrated Student Supports (ISS) in schools through intentional coordinated community and school partnerships.

Reducing Barriers to Student and Family Stability

Across Washington state, unmet basic needs such as food insecurity, limited access to physical, mental, and behavioral health care continue to disrupt learning and contribute to disengagement and inequitable outcomes. We are advocating for legislative and budget actions that reduce barriers to student and family stability by strengthening access to essential supports including basic needs, food assistance programs, physical and behavioral health, and culturally responsive supports.

Protecting the K-12 Ecosystem through Community Partnerships

Washington's K-12 education system relies on strong school-community partnerships to ensure students arrive at school ready to learn and can stay engaged once they are there. Community partnerships play a critical role in addressing barriers to learning such as chronic absenteeism, unmet basic needs, behavioral and mental health challenges, violence prevention, family instability, mentoring, and post-secondary navigation and access—that schools cannot solve alone. CISWA advocates for legislative and budget actions that protect and sustain existing school-community partnerships, ensuring they are recognized as necessary components of education and overall student success.

Investing in Communities Through Balanced Revenue

Washington's tax structure remains the second most regressive in the nation, often placing a disproportionate burden on low- and middle-income families while limiting the state's ability to sustainably fund necessary investments throughout Washington. CISWA supports legislative action that advances balanced and progressive revenue solutions to modernize the state's revenue system and reduce over-reliance on consumption taxes.

See how we support students across Washington State by visiting ciswa.org

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