

NWAIS Membership Categories

Accredited Members are schools that have met the NWAIS Major Standards as determined by the NWAIS Accreditation Committee and the NWAIS Board of Governors. Accreditation is maintained through the submission of a response report to the accreditation visiting team report, the yearly submission of the NWAIS Annual Report, and the successful completion of another self-study and accreditation visit eight years from the previous visit.

Candidate Members are schools the NWAIS Board of Governors have approved as being able to meet the NWAIS Major Standards within a five-year period. Candidate Member must submit the NWAIS Annual Report and plan to host an accreditation visiting team within five years of joining the Association.

NWAIS Non-Voting Member Categories

Subscriber School is a non-voting member category designed for schools in the earliest stages of development in relationship to the NWAIS major standards and good practices and for whom the ultimate goal is to gain Accredited Member status. Before gaining accreditation, Subscriber Schools must become Candidate Members within a five-year period by meeting the appropriate expectations for Candidate Members as outlined in the NWAIS Major Standards chart.

Founder School is a non-voting member category designed for individuals who are in the planning stages of starting a school or for a school that is in the first year of existence. The school must be committed to applying as a Subscriber School no later than its second year of educating students and have the ultimate goal of gaining Accredited Member status.

Affiliate Schools are non-voting member schools located in British Columbia or educational programs located in our eight state region not meeting all of the criteria for school membership. These schools may not pursue accreditation through NWAIS but must still support the Mission and Core Values of the Association and abide by the essential characteristics for NWAIS schools.

NWAIS Benefits	Accredited Member	Candidate Member	Subscriber School	Founder School	Affiliate School
Enrollment Dues	Yes (as calculated)	Yes (as calculated)	Yes \$2,000 (17-18)	Yes \$1,000 (17-18)	Yes \$1,500 (17-18)
Operating Expense Dues	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Professional Development Programs	Discounted member rate	Discounted member rate	Discounted member rate	Discounted member rate	Discounted member rate
Voting Rights	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Travel Share Program	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Inclusion in NWAIS Directory and Website	Directory & Website	Directory & Website	Directory & Website	Directory & Website	Directory & Website
Job Postings on Website	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can Refer to NWAIS in Their Promotional Materials	Yes, Accredited Member	Yes, Candidate Member	Yes, Subscriber School	Yes, Founder School	Yes, Affiliate Member
Participation in Joint Ads	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Helsell Fetterman Legal Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Participation in NWAIS Statistics Surveys	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Access to Listserves	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes