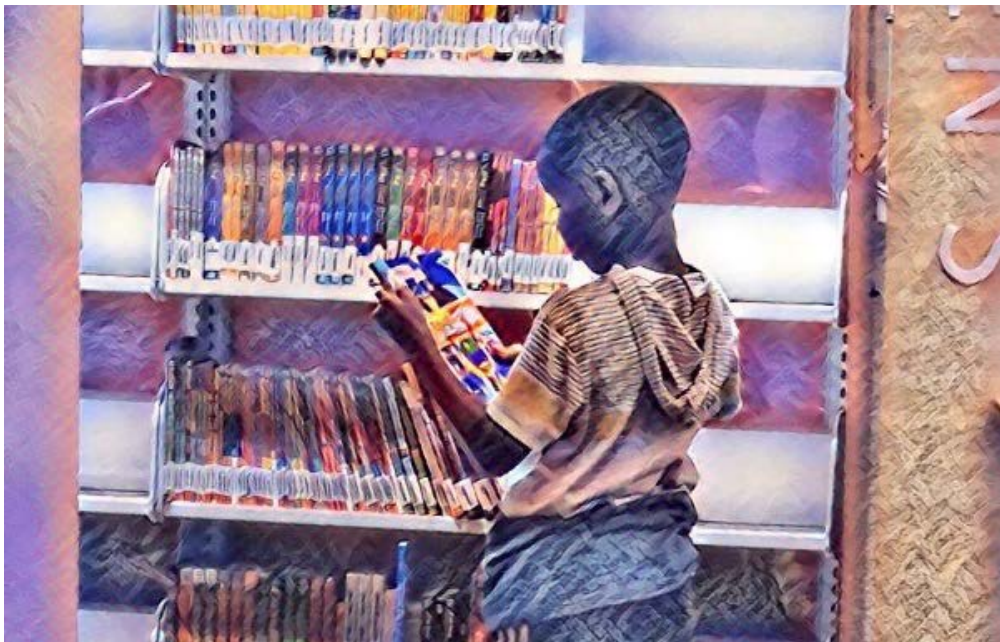


The Washington State
Governor's Office of
the Education
Ombuds:
Supporting Black,
Indigenous, and People
of Color (BIPOC)
Families



Assisting People of Color, Black, or Indigenous Families with public K-12 school issues

Families and Community Professionals are encouraged to contact OEO to see how we can help.

Toll-free:

[1-866-297-2597](tel:1-866-297-2597)

(Phone interpretation available)

Email:

oeoinfo@gov.wa.gov

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As the COVID-19 pandemic wears on, OEO recognizes these are very hard times in our communities, and many of the education barriers faced by People of Color, Black, or Indigenous families have been exacerbated.

OEO is a resource that can help address concerns about K-12 public schools. Please contact OEO if you are a community professional or family who needs school-related assistance.

OEO's legislative mission is to reduce opportunity gaps. Our strategic plan priorities concentrate on education justice, especially for communities most affected by COVID-19. We are focusing our limited conflict resolution resources, such as informal mediation and coaching, on K-12 students who are:

- People of color, Black, or indigenous
- Experiencing homelessness
- Out of school, including students with disabilities receiving partial school days
- In kinship or foster care
- Involved with the juvenile justice or juvenile rehabilitation systems
- Immigrant, refugee, asylee, or migrant, or students or families whose primary language(s) is not English, or
- Receiving Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe) or Children's Long Term Inpatient Programs (CLIP) supports

School looks different in this time of COVID. OEO is still working to help address barriers faced by students in the public K-12 school system. We're here to help answer school-related questions and share guidance on navigating concerns.

