



10th GRADE BENCHMARKS

GEAR UP recommends that all students meet these grade level specific benchmarks in order to graduate from high school ready for the postsecondary program or college of their choosing. Use this checklist to help you plan and keep track of your progress.

- Attend GEAR UP 10th grade orientation.
- Family attends GEAR UP 10th grade orientation and participates in quarterly family workshops.
- Perform at or above grade level in math (geometry or above is recommended), language arts, and science classes.
- Earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA by the end of 11th grade.
- Stay alcohol-free, drug-free, crime-free, and tobacco-free.
- Update your High School and Beyond Plan and Portfolio.
- Enroll and pass foreign language class.
- Take the ACT[®] ASPIRE Test.
- Participate in study skills and tutoring activities.
- Promote to eleventh grade and be on track to graduate.
- Participate in GEAR UP activities.
- Conduct in depth research of postsecondary options and careers, including going on postsecondary campus visits, to 3 to 5 programs aligned with your career interests.
- Know the Washington Minimum College Admission Standards and choose courses that will help you meet these requirements while also working toward high school graduation.
- Attend events to learn about going to college and financial aid.
- Complete the FAFSA Forecaster.
- Register for www.thewashboard.org, a free scholarship service.
- Complete Career Guidance WA curriculum.
- Pass Biology End of Course (EOC) Exit Exam.
- Meet Standard on 11th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment-Math.
- Meet Standard on 11th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment-ELA.