



11th 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 11th grade orientation.
- Family attends GEAR UP 11th grade orientation and participates in quarterly family workshops.
- Perform at or above grade level in math (trigonometry 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 if you have not already completed two credits.
- Take the ACT[®] Test.
- Participate in study skills and tutoring activities.
- Promote to twelfth grade and be on track to graduate on time.
- 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 16 Summers curriculum.
- Attend one or more college recruiting events at your school.
- Pass Biology End of Course (EOC) Exit Exam.
- Pass Math (M1) and (M2) EOC Exam or Meet Standard on 11th Smarter Balanced-Math.
- Meet Standard on Smarter Balanced –ELA.