

Washington State GEAR UP: Career & College Ready Benchmarks

Target	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Math Completion	 Pre-algebra readiness. 	– Complete pre-algebra.	– Complete Algebra I.	– Complete Geometry.	– Complete Algebra II.	 Complete 4th year math to ensure college level- ready. 		
Minimum College Admission Standards & Core 24	 Take courses that meet high school graduation requirements when available. 		 Take courses that meet high school graduation requirements when available. 		 Meet the Washington Minimum College Admission Standards (MCAS)* and 24-credit graduation requirements***. 			
GPA, On-time Graduation	 Earn a minimum 3.0 GPA. Participate in tutoring and homework assistance. 	 Earn a minimum 3.0 GPA. Participate in tutoring and homework assistance. 	 Earn a minimum 3.0 GPA by end of 11th grade. Participate in tutoring and homework assistance. 	 Earn a minimum 3.0 GPA by end of 11th grade. Participate in tutoring and homework assistance. 	 Earn a minimum 3.0 GPA by end of 11th grade. Participate in tutoring and homework assistance. 	 Graduate on time. Participate in tutoring and homework assistance. 		
Comprehensive Mentoring	- Participate in school or community-based mentoring program.							
Financial Literacy	- Complete a financial literacy curriculum that meets OSPI established state standards (e.g., National Endowment for Financial Education's Financial Planning Program).							
Rigorous Coursework	 When available, enroll in at least one Dual Credit Course: Running Start, Career and Technical Education Dual Credit, College in the High School, Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate. 							
Meeting State Standards	 Meet Standard on Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) for ELA & Math. 	 Meet Standard on SBA for ELA & Math and MSP for Science. 		 Meet Standard on SBA for English Language Arts and Math. 		-By senior year, meet the Standard Assessment or satisfy the Assessment Graduation Alternatives.		
Pre-College Assessments		 Complete ACT's ASPIRE or PSAT 8/9. Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning. 	 Complete ACT's ASPIRE or PSAT (or in 10th grade). Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning. 	 Complete ACT's ASPIRE or PSAT. <i>Running Start:</i> Complete community college assessment if required Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning. 	 Complete ACT, PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, &/or ASVAB. <i>Running Start:</i> Complete community college assessment if required Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning. 	 Complete ACCUPLACER (or other community college assessment). Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning. 		

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Career Interests and Postsecondary Research	 Career interest inventory and research. 	 Begin High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP). Continue career and college research. 	 Update HSBP. Identify/ research 5-10 postsecondary options aligned with career interests. 	 Update HSBP. Research 3 to 5 postsecondary program aligned with career interests. 	 Update HSBP. Research 3 to 5 postsecondary program aligned with career interests. 	 Update HSBP. Complete at least 3 postsecondary applications (a target, reach, and safety school). 		
Postsecondary Research and Program/Campus Visits	Visit 1 vocational program, 1 2-ye	ar and 1 4-year school by the en	d of 9th grade.	 Visit 1 postsecondary program or campus that is aligned with career interest. 	 Visit 1 postsecondary program or campus that is aligned with career interest. 	 Participate in 12th Year Campaign activities. Visit the postsecondary program or campus aligned with applications and intentions. 		
Family Engagement	Focuses on: – Why college? – The cost of college & College Bound Scholarship sign-up. – College & career exploration.	 Focuses on: High school and beyond. Understanding college costs and financial aid. Transition to HS. 	 Focuses on: Study skills and growth mindset. College & career exploration. CBS re-pledge & scholarships. 	Focuses on: – Dual credit. – Test preparation. – College & career exploration.	 Focuses on: Pre-college assessments and fee waivers. Scholarships. Overview of senior year and choosing a college. 	 Focuses on: College admissions and financial aid. Understanding award letters. Transition to college. 		
Career Guidance Washington or Other Advisory Curriculum	– Complete "Career Guidance W –	A" curriculum or school adviso	1					
College Bound Scholarship (CBS) & Financial Aid	– Complete CBS application.	 Update CBS contact information if needed. 	 Participate in CBS Re- Pledge activities. Begin a scholarship profile on thewashboard.org. 	 Update scholarship profile & CBS contact information. 	 Update scholarship profile & CBS contact information. Complete the FAFSA Forecaster. 	 Complete FAFSA or WASFA. Apply for scholarships. 		
Notes	*MCAS include 4 credits English, 3 credits math, 3 credits social science, 2 credits foreign language, 2 credits science, 1 credit art. For more info on MCAS, see: http://www.readysetgrad.org/sites/default/files/minimum.college.admissions.standards.pdf **For more info on state high school graduation requirements by class, see: www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.php#.VZ7IJ5PGqaI ***24 credit graduation requirements for Class of 2020 and beyond:							