

**MARCH FOR FAMILIES OF 10THGRADE STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS**

**NEWSLETTER TEMPLATE**

High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

Most Washington State Community and Technical Colleges operate one or more high school programs such as High School Completion, Technical High School, Credit Retrieval, Youth Re-engagement, External Diploma Program or other high school options. The goal of each of these various programs is to award a high school diploma to students who complete the graduation requirements. Find a [Community and Technical College](http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/college/e_hscollegeprogs.aspx) near you.

**Source:** [Ready Set Grad](http://www.readysetgrad.org/college/passport-foster-youth-promise-program)

**Did You Know?**

**Getting Back on Track**

Is your teen not finding success in school and in danger of leaving school? **You have choices.**

Washington State is working to help open doors and create options for high school education. There are options.

Your local school district is your best resource to get back on track. School districts want to see their students succeed, and most of them have programs and alternative routes set up to help complete the graduation requirements. Your school district can also find alternate paths to success such as vocational and technical training, GED preparation, and dual-credit programs through a community and technical college. They are aware of programs in your areas to help with things like childcare, illness, and homelessness. Reach out and start exploring your options.

**Program names to ask about:**

* Open Doors 1418 Reengagement Programs
* High school completion programs
* Technical high school programs
* High school reengagement programs
* Dropout intervention programs
* Dual-credit programs
* Career and workforce programs

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**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

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**Myth Buster**

**MYTH:** I’m not ***selective college*** material.

**REALITY**: Many students, especially ***first-generation*** or students who would be first in their family to go to college frequently sell themselves short. They think they won't fit into the best colleges in the country. Because of this myth, many amazing students ***undermatch*** or pick a college that isn't challenging enough for them.

Many first-gen students don't give themselves enough credit for their strengths. They might choose a lower-tier college because it's closer to home or because they are uncomfortable considering themselves highly selective college material.

By second-guessing their abilities, these students are risking a college experience that isn't engaging.

Studies show those who undermatch are much more likely to drop out of their college early. Choose a college that is appropriately challenging, and give yourself a chance for success.

**Student Checklist**

* **Meet with your school counselor** to discuss how to get back on track if needed.
* **Go to a college or financial aid night at school**. Learn about different types of financial aid.
* **Go to career information events, college fairs, and campus visits** to get a more detailed look at college and career options.

**Family Checklist**

* **Meet with your teen’s school counselor** to discuss how to get back on track if needed.
* **Go to a college or financial aid night at school**. Learn about different types of financial aid.
* **Encourage your teen to participate in career information events, college fairs, and campus visits** to get a more detailed look at his or her options.
* **Help your sophomore explore career ideas.** He or she can make a list of interests, talents and favorite activities and start matching them with occupations. Learn how to use exercises like these to [make a career worksheet](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers/careers/exploring-careers-step-by-step).