



HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND PLAN

ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE!

Talk with your student to spark their interests, encourage their strengths, and get them thinking about possible careers. Support them by understanding graduation requirements and financial aid opportunities for post-high school education or training.

THREE STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

1 HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLANNING:

- ▶ Start with a career interest inventory in middle school
- ▶ Create a four-year high school course schedule that matches students' interests
- ▶ Create a resume and get information about financial aid

Learn more at www.readywa.org/beyond and <https://bit.ly/2020GradToolkit>

2 COMPLETE 24 CREDITS:

- ▶ 17 core courses
- ▶ 4 electives
- ▶ 3 personalized path classes that align with students' High School and Beyond Plans

Learn more at www.sbe.wa.gov/our-work/graduation-requirements/materials-families-and-students

3 COMPLETE 1 OF 8 GRADUATION PATHWAYS:

- ▶ The first opportunity to complete this requirement for English and math is with the Smarter Balanced assessments, taken in 10th grade.
- ▶ Chosen pathway should match the goals in each student's High School and Beyond Plan.

Learn more about graduation pathways: www.stand.org/washington/blog/washington-graduation-pathway-resources

Learn more about Smarter Balanced assessments: www.readywa.org/families/fact-sheets-for-families/by-parents-for-parents/

Most jobs in Washington state will be filled by workers who complete a credential after high school, such as a two- or four-year degree, an apprenticeship, or certificate. We must prepare our children to succeed in our economy and in their communities!



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ASK YOUR STUDENT:

- 1 What are you most curious about?
- 2 If you could shadow a job for the day, what would that job be? What would you want that experience to include?
- 3 How is your High School and Beyond Planning process going?

ASK YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHER AND/OR SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

- 1 What can I do to support my student's goals?
- 2 What should our family do now to prepare for our student's education or training after high school?
- 3 How can my student keep the most options open following high school graduation?

FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

COLLEGE BOUND (apply by end of 8th grade)

<https://readyssetgrad.wa.gov/college/college-bound-scholarship-program>

FINANCIAL AID FORMS (complete in 12th grade)

<https://wsac.wa.gov/apply>

WASHINGTON COLLEGE GRANT

<https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg>