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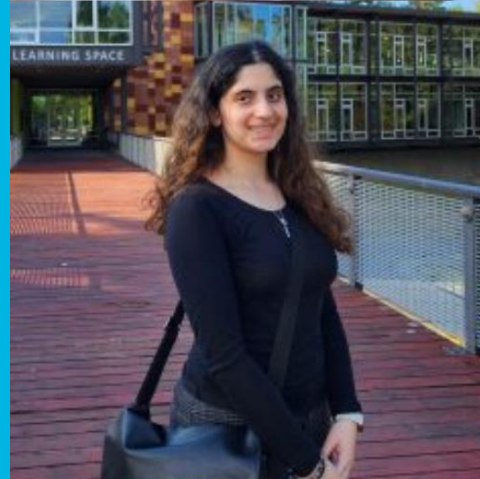
School District Toolkit

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About us

Ready Washington (Ready WA) is a coalition of nearly 30 state and local agencies, associations, and advocacy organizations that believe every Washington student should graduate high school prepared for a successful future—on the education and career path they choose—and we offer tools and resources to support them on that path.



About this toolkit

This toolkit equips school districts with resources from Ready WA to support students and families in proactive planning for postsecondary education and beyond.

It is intended for school administrators, school counselors, teachers, and family engagement coordinators.



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READY WA STUDENT STORYTELLERS

About the Program

The Ready WA Student Storytellers program amplifies students' voices, sharing their educational journeys to inspire peers and families. These stories highlight diverse paths to college and careers and show real-world examples of overcoming challenges and finding success. Students are compensated for their time and writing! ➔



Read recent stories

We work closely with our storytellers to help them tell their stories in an authentic way, in whatever format they feel they can best tell those stories. Examples include blog posts, videos, and infographics. This year's storytellers are: [Betül](#), [Lizzy](#), and [Helen](#). Recent stories:

The First Day of School

<https://bit.ly/Lizzys-First-Day-of-School>

The Benefits of Learning a New Language

<https://bit.ly/Benefits-of-Learning-a-New-Language>

How a Productive Summer Can Make a Difference

<https://bit.ly/Betüls-productive-summer>

Tips and Tricks to Tackle College Applications

<https://bit.ly/Hojoon-Gives-Tips-on-College-Apps>

Which Dorm Should You Choose?

<https://bit.ly/James-Helps-You-Choose-A-Dorm>

Amplify sample social posts

If you would like to amplify any of the stories developed by our storytellers, feel free to check us out on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [X](#), where we often share their content.

Student opportunity!

If your student is interested in becoming a Ready WA Student Storyteller, they can apply [here](#). We will review any applications we receive this summer and announce the cohort in the fall!

FAMILY CONVERSATIONS TOOL

About the Tool

This tool provides guidance for families to have conversations about students' plans after high school. It was co-created with a small group of parents and students representing various ethnicities and languages.

Each stop in the student's journey focuses on a different topic, including their interests, who can help them, and steps they can take to achieve their dreams. Families can choose the pace of the conversation and take time in between topics to think and explore.

Thanks to the parents who contributed to this project, [Alma Villegas Consulting](#) for project leadership, and Allina Hakim for graphic design! ➔

Access the tool

The tool is available below in English, Spanish, Arabic, French, and Somali.

The tool in English

<https://bit.ly/Family-Conversations-English>

The tool in Español

<https://bit.ly/Family-Conversations-Español>

The tool in عربي

<https://bit.ly/Family-Conversations-Arabic>

The tool in Français

<https://bit.ly/Family-Conversations-Français>

The tool in Somali

<https://bit.ly/Family-Conversations-Somali>

Application Tips: Use this tool during parent engagement events, workshops, and distribute it as part of take-home resources.

Amplify sample social posts

If you would like to amplify content on the Family Conversations Tool, feel free to check us out on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [X](#), where we share related content.



HIGH SCHOOL POSTERS

About the Posters

Every fall, Ready WA collaborates with Washington high school students and recent graduates to design posters that we distribute to schools across the state. This year, the idea was to design posters that would “pop” off the wall and get students excited about their future in Washington. The QR codes (below) link to webpages highlighting career clusters where job demand will be particularly high and offer resources to help students plan their pathways after graduation. ➔

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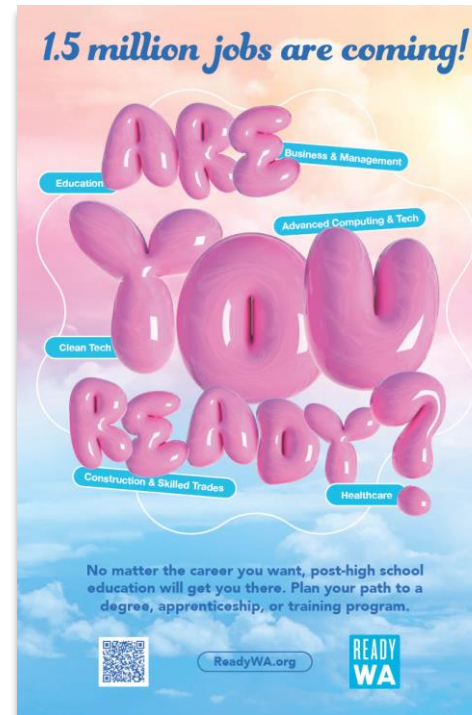
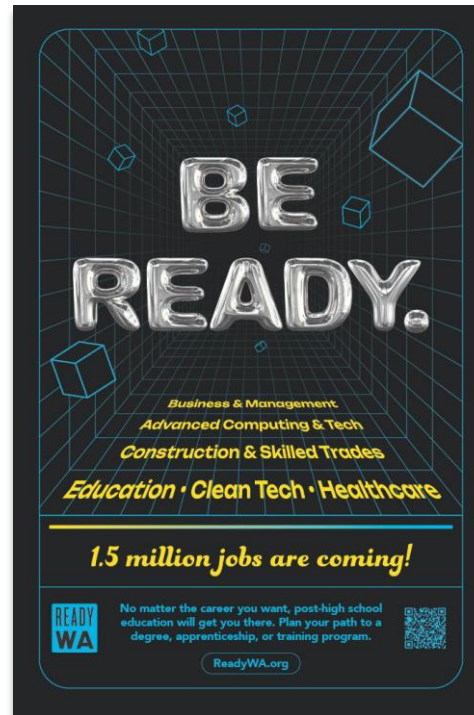


ARE YOU READY



Download the posters

You can download/print out high resolution copies of the posters [here](#). Feel free to use them at your events, career fairs, and parent engagements events.



Amplify sample social posts

If you would like to amplify content about our posters, feel free to check us out on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [X](#), where we share information about the posters and related themes, as well as competitions and opportunities to win prizes.

Feel free to include in your posts links to these webpages on our website, where we share related content.

- <https://bit.ly/Poster-Be-Ready>
- <https://bit.ly/Poster-Are-You-Ready>

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Our newsletter

About our newsletter

We issue our newsletter every other week. Topics include financial aid reminders and resources, Student Storyteller Content, updates about our Family Conversations Tools, information about our posters, and any other resources that we believe would be helpful to students and families.

You can sign up for our newsletter [here](#) (upper right corner!). ➔

If you have news or resources that you would like us to share on social media or in our newsletters, [contact us!](#)

Example newsletter

READY WA

From high school to college: Lizzy's guide to starting strong

Lizzy's tips for the 1st day of school

- 1- Prepare ahead of time.
- 2- Arrive early.
- 3- Connect with others.
- 4- Stay positive.
- 5- Practice deep breathing.
- 6- Set realistic expectations.
- 7- Be open-minded.



Read it on [this link!](#)

Amplify sample social posts

If you would like to amplify our newsletters in order to highlight helpful resources to your students, feel free to check us out on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [X](#), where we share our latest newsletters!

Stay in touch

Contact us + follow us

For questions about Ready WA or this toolkit, please contact us: info@readywa.org

If you or your institution are on social media, stay in touch!

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [X \(Twitter\)](#)

Do you have comments or suggestions to improve this toolkit?

Let us know [here!](#)