

**NOVEMBER FOR FAMILIES OF 10THGRADE STUDENTS**

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**NEWSLETTER TEMPLATE**

High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

**Did You Know?**

College & Career Pathways

After high school, different paths lead to different types of credentials. Your sophomore may need one (or several) of these credentials depending on his or her career interests.

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| **Workplace** | People who go straight into the workplace usually do not have any formal credentials beyond a high school diploma. However, some people in this path might complete an apprenticeship or other form of on-the-job training.   * Certificate for completion of training * Apprenticeship |
| **CTE (Technical) College** | Most technical colleges award a certificate to show completion of a program of study. Some also award associate degrees.   * Certificate or certification for completion of program (one year or less) * Associate degree (two years) |
| **Two-year College** | Most community colleges award certificates or associate degrees, depending on the program. At some colleges, students can continue on for four years to earn a bachelor’s degree. In two years, students typically earn an associate degree.   * Associate degree |
| **Four-year College** | Most four-year college award Bachelor’s degrees. The two most common types of Bachelor’s degrees are a B.S. (Bachelor of Science) or a B.A. (Bachelor of Arts)   * Bachelor’s degree |
| **Graduate  studies** | Many careers require specialized training and education beyond college. Students attend graduate or professional school to receive this training and earn a graduate or advanced degree. Some advanced degrees include:   * Master’s degree: most common are M.S. (Science) or M.A. (Arts) * Business degree (M.B.A. for Master of Business Arts) * Medical degree (M.D. for Medical Doctor) * Law degree (J.D. for Juris Doctor) * Doctorate degree (Ph.D. for Doctor of Philosophy) |

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If your teen is currently a foster youth, he or she may be eligible for the [Passport to Careers](http://www.readysetgrad.org/college/passport-foster-youth-promise-program)  program or the [College Bound Scholarship](http://www.readysetgrad.org/college/college-bound-scholarship-program).

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

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**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

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**Myth Buster**

**MYTH:** My Smarter Balanced test scores only matter in high school.

**REALITY**: 10th grade Smarter Balanced test scores help you decide which courses to take to be ready for college, and they tell colleges whether or not you’re ready for college-level courses.

If you score a three or four, many colleges won’t require remedial courses or additional tests before you enroll in college-level math or English.

Check with the colleges you are interested in to find out if they have additional requirements.

All 34 of Washington's [public community and technical colleges](http://sbctc.edu/general/c_index.aspx), all six [public baccalaureate institutions](http://councilofpresidents.org/index-1_members.html), and nine [private independent colleges](http://www.icwashington.org/colleges.html) have agreed to consider Smarter Balanced test scores when deciding whether or not students need to take pre-college (remedial) courses.

**Student Checklist**

* **Select one career possibility and identify the needed postsecondary path** and credentials.
* **Research majors that might be a good fit with your interests** and goals based on your results from the U.S. Department of Labor’s [career search](http://www.mynextmove.org/).

**Family Checklist**

* **Learn about the different types of college and career paths.**
* **Encourage your teen to explore and research majors** that might be a good fit with his or her interests and goals.
* **Check in regularly about schoolwork.** To find out about your child’s grades, assignments, and attendance, you can use the school’s online system, like Skyward. Check this free, online system at least weekly to keep up with your child’s progress.