

WA 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	Take courses that meet high school graduation requirements when available.		 Meet the Washington Minimum College Admission Standards (if planning to go directly to 4-year) and graduation requirements. 						
GPA, On-time Graduation	Earn a minimum 3.0 GParticipate in tutoring	 Graduate on time. Participate in tutoring and homework assistance. 							
Comprehensive Mentoring	- Participate in school or community-based mentoring programs.								
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	 Take advanced math or enrichment courses to prepare for high school coursework. When available, enroll in at least one Dual Credit Course: College in the International Baccalaureate course. Take CTE courses that align with your career pathway. 					ed Placement, Honors, or			
Meeting State Standards	 Meet Standard on Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) for ELA & Math. 	 Meet Standard on SBA for ELA & Math and MSP for Science. 	 Learn about the Graduation Pathway options to determine the best fit for the student. 	Meet Standards on SBA for English Language Arts and Math.	- Check with a counselor to ensure you are on track for Graduation Pathway requirements.	- If needed, take the Bridge to College course to meet Graduation Pathway requirements.			
Pre-College Assessments		- Complete PSAT 8/9. - Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning.	 Complete PSAT to assess postsecondary readiness. Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning. 	 Complete PSAT &/or ASVAB. Running Start: Complete community college assessment. Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning. 	Complete ACT, PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, &/or ASVAB. Running Start: Complete community college assessment. Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning.	 Complete community college assessment. Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning. 			

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Career Interests and Job Site Visits/Job Shadows	 Career interest inventory and research. Participate in a job site visit that aligns with career interest. 	 Participate in a job shadow that aligns with career interests. 	 Participate in a job shadow that aligns with career interests. Take the GU Student Interest Inventory. 	 Participate in a job shadow that aligns with career interests. 		
Postsecondary Research & Visits	Visit one vocational program, one 2-year, and one 4-ye Research careers and postsecondary programs that alig	 Visit at least one postsecondary program or campus aligned with career interest. Start the postsecondary application process, including personal essays. 	 Participate in 2- or 4- year planning sessions with GU Advisor Visit the postsecondary program or campus aligned with applications. Attend postsecondary orientation events. 			
Family Engagement	 Focuses on: Why college? The cost of college & College Bound program. 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 pathways. 	 Focuses on: Admissions and financial aid. Understanding award letters. Transition to post-HS option. 	
College & Career Curriculum	 Create Your Future with College Bound. Download five student-facing activities for use in middle school. 	 Find the latest version of the <u>College and Career Knowledge materials</u> on WSAC. Access and download the <u>College and Career Knowledge Scope and Sequence for student lessons and their corresponding lesson plans.</u> 				
College Bound (CBS), Financial Aid & Admission	 Learn about CBS eligibility and benefits. Update CBS contact information if needed. 	 Participate in CBS Re-Pledge activities. Begin a scholarship profile on thewashboard.org. 	Update thewashboard.org profile & CBS contact info. Visit gearup.wa.gov to learn about scholarship opportunities.	 Update scholarship profile & CBS contact information. Complete the Federal Aid Estimator and or WA State Financial Aid Calculator. 	 Complete postsecondary applications. Participate in 12th Year Campaign activities. Complete FAFSA or WASFA. Apply for scholarships. 	