

## WA State GEAR UP Career & College Ready Benchmarks

Target	7	8	9	10	11	12			
Math Completion	<ul><li>Pre-algebra readiness.</li></ul>	– Complete pre- algebra.	– Complete Algebra I.	<ul> <li>Complete Geometry.</li> </ul>	– Complete Algebra II.	<ul> <li>Complete 4th-year math to ensure college-level readiness.</li> </ul>			
Minimum College Admission Standards	<ul> <li>Take courses that meet high school graduation requirements when available.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Meet the Washington Minimum College Admission Standards (if planning to go directly to 4-year) and graduation requirements.</li> </ul>						
GPA, On-time Graduation	<ul><li>Earn a minimum 3.0 G</li><li>Participate in tutoring</li></ul>	PA. and homework assistance.	<ul><li>Earn a minimum 3.0 G</li><li>Participate in tutoring</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Graduate on time.</li> <li>Participate in tutoring and homework assistance.</li> </ul>					
Comprehensive Mentoring	<ul> <li>Participate in school or community-based mentoring programs.</li> </ul>								
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	<ul> <li>Take advanced math prepare for high school</li> </ul>	or enrichment courses to ol coursework.	<ul> <li>When available, enroll in at least one Dual Credit Course: College in the High School, Advanced Placement, Honors, or International Baccalaureate course.</li> <li>Take CTE courses that align with your career pathway.</li> </ul>						
Meeting State Standards	<ul> <li>Meet Standard on Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) for ELA &amp; Math.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Meet Standard on SBA for ELA &amp; Math and MSP for Science.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Learn about the         Graduation Pathway         options to determine         the best fit for the         student.</li> </ul>	Meet Standards on     SBA for English     Language Arts and     Math.	- Check with a counselor to ensure you are on track for Graduation Pathway requirements.	<ul> <li>If needed, take the         Bridge to College         course to meet         Graduation Pathway         requirements.     </li> </ul>			
Pre-College Assessments		<ul> <li>Complete PSAT 8/9.</li> <li>Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Complete PSAT to assess postsecondary readiness.</li> <li>Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Complete PSAT &amp;/or ASVAB.</li> <li>Running Start:         Complete community college assessment.     </li> <li>Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Complete ACT,         PSAT/NMSQT, SAT,         &amp;/or ASVAB.</li> <li>Running Start:         Complete community         college assessment.</li> <li>Share results with         families and advisors         for course enrollment         planning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Complete community college assessment.</li> <li>Share results with families and advisors for course enrollment planning.</li> </ul>			

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Career Interests and Job Site Visits/Job Shadows	<ul> <li>Career interest inventory and research.</li> <li>Participate in a job site visit that aligns with career interest.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in a job shadow that aligns with career interests.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in a job shadow that aligns with career interests.</li> <li>Take the GU Student Interest Inventory.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in a job shadow that aligns with career interests.</li> </ul>	
Postsecondary Research & Visits	Visit one vocational program, one 2-year, and one 4-year.  Research careers and postsecondary programs that alignments.	<ul> <li>Visit at least one postsecondary program or campus aligned with career interest.</li> <li>Start the postsecondary application process, including personal essays.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in 2- or 4- year planning sessions with GU Advisor</li> <li>Visit the postsecondary program or campus aligned with applications.</li> <li>Attend postsecondary orientation events.</li> </ul>		
Family Engagement	<ul> <li>Focuses on:</li> <li>Why college?</li> <li>The cost of college &amp; College Bound program.</li> <li>College &amp; career exploration.</li> <li>Focuses on:</li> <li>High school and beyond.</li> <li>Understanding college costs and financial aid.</li> <li>Transition to HS.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Focuses on:</li> <li>Study skills and growth mindset.</li> <li>College &amp; career exploration.</li> <li>CBS re-pledge &amp; scholarships.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Focuses on:</li> <li>Dual credit.</li> <li>Test preparation.</li> <li>College &amp; career exploration.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Focuses on:</li> <li>Pre-college     assessments and fee     waivers.</li> <li>Scholarships.</li> <li>Overview of senior     year and pathways.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Focuses on:</li> <li>Admissions and financial aid.</li> <li>Understanding award letters.</li> <li>Transition to post-HS option.</li> </ul>
College & Career Curriculum	<ul> <li>Create Your Future with College Bound.</li> <li>Download five student-facing activities for use in middle school.</li> </ul>	of the <u>College and Career Knowle</u> the <u>College and Career Knowledg</u>	dge materials on WSAC. e Scope and Sequence for student I	essons and their corresponding	
College Bound (CBS), Financial Aid & Admission	<ul> <li>Learn about CBS</li> <li>eligibility and</li> <li>benefits.</li> <li>Update CBS contact</li> <li>information if</li> <li>needed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Begin a scholarship profile on thewashboard.org.</li> </ul>	Update     thewashboard.org     profile & CBS contact     info.      Visit gearup.wa.gov to     learn about     scholarship     opportunities.	<ul> <li>Update scholarship profile &amp; CBS contact information.</li> <li>Complete the Federal Aid Estimator and or WA State Financial Aid Calculator.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Complete postsecondary applications.</li> <li>Participate in 12th Year Campaign activities.</li> <li>Complete FAFSA or WASFA.</li> <li>Apply for scholarships.</li> </ul>