Dear Colleague:

You are invited to partner with a growing group of Washington districts and schools partnering through the Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program (WAGAP) to support a college-going culture and guaranteed admission efforts at [Central Washington University](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cwu.edu%2Fadmissions%2Ffirst-year-students&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455069973%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=E40NwUUILPa%2FuMgXEsi5%2B3SDqUWuW9Es5NzKYJEIEqg%3D&reserved=0), [Eastern Washington University](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ewu.edu%2Fapply%2Ffreshman%2F&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455069973%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8bSMdHcLDnsowxvZL7H5acBx7E2wgHJ9ZazWFil%2Fx0w%3D&reserved=0), [The Evergreen State College](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Finfo.evergreen.edu%2Fnt-direct-admissions&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455069973%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DE2fyRGc1dBYebpp5%2BovpYUhYESCtjMTlcXOX3rEz5g%3D&reserved=0), [University of Washington – Tacoma](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tacoma.uw.edu%2Fadmissions&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455069973%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LSOgSH5y7e2w1YhcM39L%2B4wG5aw8SP%2BV5c2CmW9GXcs%3D&reserved=0), [Washington](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fadmission.wsu.edu%2Fapply%2Fas%2Ffreshman%2Fassured-admission%2F&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455069973%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qdfU%2FE2PPw9n6k6Zdlq%2BBPJy9jvRQtd6k3gn8UtgdIk%3D&reserved=0)  [State University](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fadmission.wsu.edu%2Fapply%2Fas%2Ffreshman%2Fassured-admission%2F&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455069973%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qdfU%2FE2PPw9n6k6Zdlq%2BBPJy9jvRQtd6k3gn8UtgdIk%3D&reserved=0) and [Western Washington University](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fadmissions.wwu.edu%2F&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455069973%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=evM%2B77rTR4EW6t6j0cWOyt1H4Sjr3npNpeuvS1tEbNs%3D&reserved=0).

WAGAP is the most recent collaborative initiative by Washington’s public, four-year institutions to increase the college-going culture and support admission efforts at Washington public four-year institutions. In partnership with the communities we serve, we are committed to improving access and credential completion for Washington students.

**WAGAP is intended to:**

* Support a college-going culture and guaranteed admission efforts in five public colleges and universities in Washington state.
* Commit to meeting Washington students' college and career goals to increase access and credential completion in Washington through GAP.
* Engage with high school juniors and seniors to prepare them for college and college admissions.
* Build more substantial and long-term relationships with Washington school districts and schools.

WAGAP focuses on 11th and 12th-grade students who have not considered attending college or do not see themselves as college ready. Through data-sharing agreements with districts and schools, participating institutions engage with high school juniors to familiarize them with college admissions and ready them for college, and with seniors to admit them through guaranteed admissions or, if not eligible, through the general admissions process.

Students must meet the following criteria:

* Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher.
* Completed or on track to complete by the fall term all the [College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs)](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwsac.wa.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2FCADRs-CollegeAcademicDistributionRequirements.pdf&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455226208%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Z%2FJJZOG960zoTKDpyMv2E758ur2uGkC8PsNlqowxcu4%3D&reserved=0)

Districts and/or schools must meet the following criteria:

* Provide a letter of support.
* Complete a DSA with participating institutions.

**Over the last two years, WAGAP has led to:**

* The 2021-22 GAP pilot resulted in over 200 unique student applications for fall 2022 admissions.
* In 2022-23, 65 school districts in size, student demographics, and geography joined GAP to create a new community of K-12 and higher education partners for 2022-23 — an increase from 27 partners in 2021-22. We hope to reach over 100 for the 2023-24 AY.
* To date, for the 2022-23 school year, over 14,000 12th-grade students received guaranteed admissions letters, and nearly 30,000 11th-grade students received welcome letters about college admissions awareness.
* GAP messaging is myth-busting outdated ideas about college admissions and increasing family understanding of current admission processes and opportunities.

**Additional information about WAGAP can be found below.**

* WAGAP [website](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcouncilofpresidents.org%2F_admissions%2Fguaranteed-admissions-program-gap%2F&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455226208%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oIWchpt8P5JP01mh0Bid120q74g7MgHzLJw75PfAdp0%3D&reserved=0)
* WAGAP [FAQ](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1P-AiUP2eaHdJTMCkKKbOqJFokUTOuAFg%2Fedit%3Frtpof%3Dtrue%26sd%3Dtrue&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455226208%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=l8dVHdLCSgV0sQkTrw7iy0UOtQBF5LGvQOkKp53PZj4%3D&reserved=0)
* WAGAP Fact Sheet (attached)

If you are interested in participating, information for the 2023-24 AY can be found below. In addition, we welcome questions and are available to meet to discuss WAGAP further. If you have questions, please get in touch with me at [jgarver@councilofpresidents.org](mailto:jgarver@councilofpresidents.org)

# 2023-24 AY Participation

To participate in GAP for the 2023-24 academic year, districts must complete the following by **September 30, 2023.** All materials will be available by August 2023 on the Council of Presidents [webpage](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcouncilofpresidents.org%2F_admissions%2Fguaranteed-admissions-program-gap%2F&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455226208%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oIWchpt8P5JP01mh0Bid120q74g7MgHzLJw75PfAdp0%3D&reserved=0).

1. Complete and sign the GAP Joint Data Sharing Agreement (DSA). The DSA will be available by August 2023. We will email you when the DSA is available.
2. Provide a Letter of Support at the district level signed by the superintendent or at the school level signed by the principal confirming participation and point of contact for GAP communications.
3. Send to Council of Presidents at [jgarver@councilofpresidents.org](mailto:jgarver@councilofpresidents.org), no later than **September 30, 2023:**
4. The signed *GAP Joint Data Sharing Agreement* (DSA) with participating baccalaureate institutions. The DSA must be completed, signed, and sent to the Council of Presidents. Instructions to send the DSA are provided in Appendix B of the attached.
5. Signed *Letter of Support* by the district superintendent or school principal.  Instructions to send the *Letter of Support* are provided in Appendix C. A *Letter of Support* template is available in Appendix D of the attached.

We encourage you to check out the [WAGAP FAQ](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1P-AiUP2eaHdJTMCkKKbOqJFokUTOuAFg%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing%26ouid%3D115520424788968423195%26rtpof%3Dtrue%26sd%3Dtrue&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C3062724b333248f64b7c08db7d9e63ce%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638241891455226208%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=la7XYnUe6XyL%2FpS4PRMGDmSueOyXQ6%2ByNNwcK%2BWWVYE%3D&reserved=0) for further information. If you have questions, please reach out to the Council of Presidents.

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