

WSAC Updates
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WSAC's Mission



We advance educational opportunities and attainment in Washington. In pursuit of our mission, the Washington Student Achievement Council:

- Leads statewide strategic planning to improve educational coordination and transitions.
- Supports Washingtonians through the administration of financial aid, a college savings plan, and support services.
- Advocates for the economic, social, and civic benefits of postsecondary education.

By 2023:

100% of adults ages 25 to 44 in Washington will have a high school diploma or equivalent.

At least 70% of Washington adults ages 25 to 44 will have a postsecondary credential.

System-wide strategies to support all students





Make higher education more affordable

- Expand state financial aid programs, including fully funding the State Need Grant program.
- Maintain full funding for the College Bound Scholarship.
- · Provide ample funding for higher education.
- Maintain a stable and predictable tuition policy.

Readiness

Improve college and career readiness

- · Increase dual-credit opportunities.
- Invest in guidance, and proven high school completion efforts.

Completion

Increase college completion

- Fund successful student support programs.
- Provide opportunity gap innovation grants.
- Create a plan to recruit and retain adult students.

Employment

Ensure graduates can meet workforce demands

- Expand investments in fields with anticipated workforce shortages.
- Expand work-based learning through State Work Study.

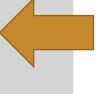
Bold: 2017-19 WSAC priorities

WSAC's primary duties



Policy & Research

- Attainment goals
- System & workforce needs
- Student transition policies



Access & Support Programs

- Ready, Set,
 Grad
- GEAR UP
- 12th Year
 Campaign
- washboard.org

Savings & Financial Aid Programs

- Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET)
- State aid admin.
- Workforce shortage loan programs

Consumer Protection

- Degree authorization
- Approval of Veteran's benefits
- Complaint resolution
- Program compliance

WSAC and student transition



RCW 28B.77.210: "The council shall adopt statewide transfer and articulation policies that ensure efficient transfer of credits and courses across public two and four-year institutions of higher education"

Transfer degrees

Umbrella policy (and others)

ICRC handbook (course lists)

Collaboration with schools

2017 Legislative Transfer Report



Transfer Degree Highlights

11% increase in total degrees awarded over 2013-14

>90% DTAs

AS-T had biggest increase

Running Start: 16% of total DTAs

Most popular MRPs: Business, Pre-Nursing, Biology, Engineering

2017 Legislative Transfer Report



Other Transfer Highlights

Washington leads country in CTC transfers who earn bachelor's degrees

1/3 of CTC students intend to transfer

More students transferring (with or without degree)

More transferring to BAS degrees

Transfer Updates



2017 MRP Reviews

Business

Computer Science

Pre-Nursing?

Resource Updates

ICRC handbook

Transfer policies

Transfer brochure

Transfer websites

Future transfer reports

Re-examine metrics

"Deeper dive" research **AS-T Track 2**

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Transfer Policy Update



Updating for the 21st Century

Looking into combining transfer policies into one

Where does ACPL fit in?

Will need feedback from you!!



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