

WASHINGTON STATE
Council of
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Washington Council Fall Counselor Workshops

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About the Council of Presidents

We represent and coordinate initiatives and advocacy, fostering collaboration among Washington's public four-year college and universities with partners at the state, regional, and national levels.

We offer high school counselors a central location to:

- Learn about Washington's public, four-year institutions.
- Advocate for our collective institutions on policies, practices and processes related to the transition from K-12 to college.
- Engage with the student-centered mission and education of our institutions and get to know the impact of our sector on the communities and economics of Washingtonians.

Our Member Institutions

Central Washington University	Eastern Washington University	The Evergreen State College
University of Washington	Washington State University	Western Washington University

Our Message to Your Students

You are College Material!

Whether you're planning for college, considering it, or haven't thought about it yet, there's a place for you at a Washington public, four-year college or university where you can pursue your dreams, obtain career credentials, and follow your passion.

Recommendations for a Successful Transition to College

- Communicate with high school counselors and college admissions advisors early and often.
- **Apply early!**
- Institutions will provide guidance on the next steps and are committed to reaching out and welcoming students.
- Ask about special programs and student support services while in high school.
- Ask questions and seek clarity.
- **Remember, Yes You Can!**

Removing Barriers to Admissions

Guaranteed
Admissions

Single
Admissions
Application

No Standardized
Tests for
Admissions

Holistic
Admissions

Basic Needs

Minimum Admission Standards

We start
from a
place of
Yes.



First-Year Student Admission

- **2.0 or higher** cumulative, unweighted GPA
- **Completion of coursework** for college (CADRs)
- Meeting minimum admission requirements above **does not** guaranteed admissions.
- **Multiple** Paths
 - Path 1: General Admissions
 - Path 2: Guaranteed Admissions



Tips for Success

- Math and English coursework **critical to admissions**
- Encouraged to take math all **four-years of high school**
- Finish the senior year **academically strong**



Alternative Admissions

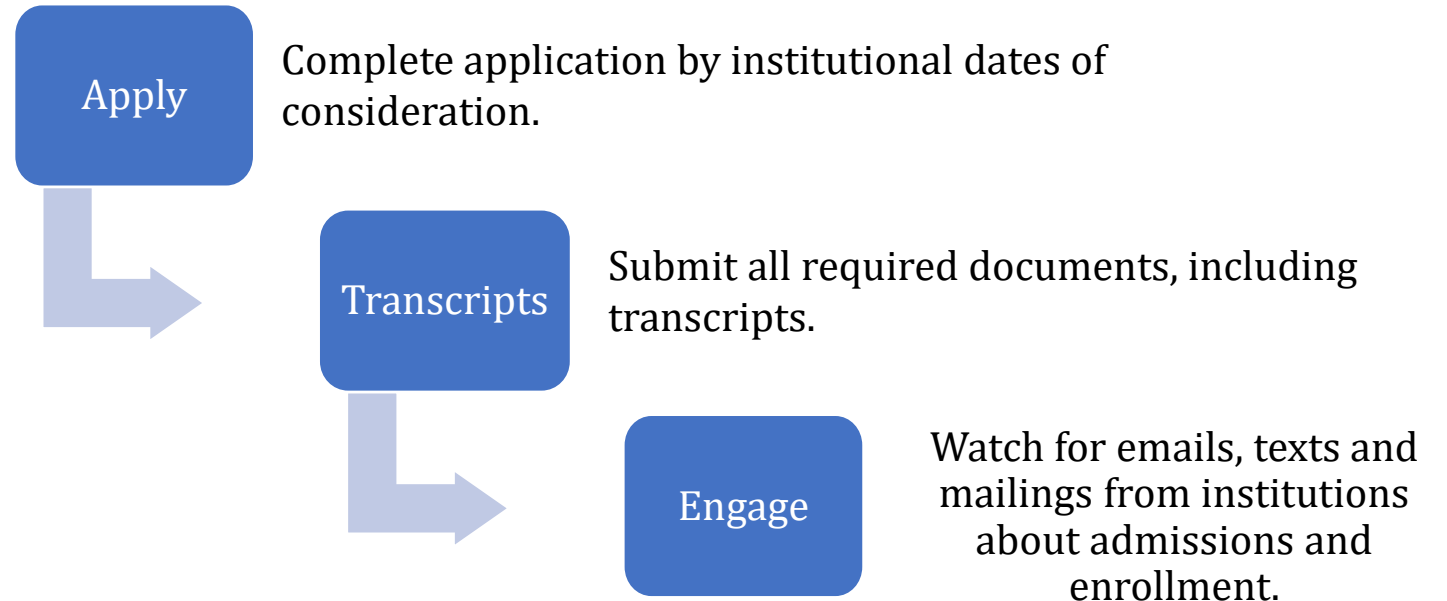
- Student that do not meet First-Year Student Admission Standards **may** be admitted through alternative admissions.
- **Students are strongly encouraged** to complete English and Math coursework.
- Do not qualify for **WAGAP**

Two Equal Paths to Admissions

General Admissions	Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program (WAGAP)
Complete application and send transcripts	Cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
Admissions Offices review high school and college grades, coursework, senior year courses, personal achievements and characteristics.	Complete a series of required high school classes
All Washington public baccalaureate institutions	Meet above criteria guaranteed admissions to WAGAP participating institutions: Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, University of Washington Tacoma, Washington State University and Western Washington University.
	Complete application and final transcripts

How to Get In

- Total applications are increasing.
- Though admissions have become more competitive **generally the odds are in student's favor.**
- Washington's public universities **are more accessible compared to peer institutions.**



Key Takeaways: Admissions Experience

- **Admissions ≠ Identity:** A student's worth is not defined by college admissions.
- **Explore Options:** Encourage consideration of a range of institutions.
- **Balance Expectations:** Aim high, but stay realistic.
- **Authenticity Matters:** Use the application to showcase true passions and experiences.
- **Focus on Fit:** The college experience is more important than the name—find the right fit!

Resources and Contact

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WEBINAR SERIES FOR K-12 PRACTITIONERS



Informative webinars created for K-12 practitioners by Washington's public, four-year institutions and hosted by Council of Presidents.

REGISTER TODAY!


Understanding Success from the College Admissions Perspective Gain insights into how universities define student success. Explore the holistic review process and how high school performance leads to successful admissions applications.	OCT 9 1:00-2:15 PM	
Diving Deep into Admissions This session builds on the October webinar, providing detailed insights into the Common App and institutional applications. Understand "test optional" policies and CADRs for admissions.	NOV 4 11:00-12:15 PM	
The Final Stretch: From High School Graduation to College Receive guidance for helping students transition from high school to college. Learn tips for supporting undecided students.	APR 9 10:30-11:30 AM	

- Recordings and materials will be available for those unable to attend live sessions.
- Feedback or questions? Email Julie Garver at jgarver@councilofpresidents.org.




Ask me about
WAGAP
Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program





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