



# High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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11<sup>th</sup> Grade

## COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Washington State has 34 community and technical (two-year) colleges and six public four-year colleges and universities. There's a program for every interest!

Students who would like to attend a public baccalaureate college must meet certain minimum standards beyond what it may take to graduate from high school. Need more information about the graduation requirements in the Everett Public Schools? Check out the [Graduation Toolkits](#) available at each level and many more resources available!

### Graduation Toolkits for 2016-17



I'm a **junior** in High School

[Download graduation toolkit »](#)



## Did You Know?

Students who meet regularly with a mentor are **52% less likely** than their peers to skip a day of school and **37% less likely** to skip a class.

Source: [MENTOR](#)



Questions?

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Upcoming Lessons in **Naviance Family Connection** with your counselor:

- [Developing a GamePlan!](#)

Check out **Naviance TestPrep!!**

-Self-directed practice course for **SAT & AP** exams

### resources

- [Naviance Test Prep](#)



Oct. 18 @ Cascade HS

Oct. 19 @ Everett HS

Oct. 20 @ Jackson HS

*Starting at 5:30pm!*

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## Myth Buster

**MYTH:** All that my child has to do is meet the minimum requirements to get into college.

**REALITY:** Many colleges and universities use something called a “comprehensive review.” Some factors include:

- Academic rigor or challenging coursework
- Quality of senior year courses
- Grade trends
- Extracurricular activities
- Ability to enhance the diversity of the school (racial, cultural, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic, family educational history)
- Academic performance compared to opportunities available at your high school.

Some schools offer different opportunities like Advanced Placement and honors classes and some schools do not offer those programs. Colleges will take this into account. Did you take advantage of the opportunities available to you?

**Source:** WA Student Achievement Council

## Student Checklist

- **Start developing a résumé in [Naviance Family Connection](#)** - a record of your accomplishments, activities, and work experiences. This will be an important part of your college application.
- **If you haven't participated in many activities outside of class, now is the time to sign up.** Consider clubs at schools, team sports, leadership roles, or involvement in your religious or civic community group.
- **Take the PSAT.** The fall of 11th grade is your last chance to take the PSAT/NMSQT, which will help you prepare for the SAT. It could also qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. When you receive the results (usually in December), review them to learn more about your strengths and weaknesses. Discuss the results with your family and school counselor.

## Family Checklist

- **Help your child develop a résumé in [Naviance Family Connection](#).** Help your teen think about his or her accomplishments, activities, and work experiences.
- **Encourage your teen to participate in after school activities.** Consider clubs at schools, team sports, leadership roles, or involvement in your religious or civic community group.
- **Help your child prepare for the PSAT.** Check out the **PSAT Resources** page in [Naviance Family Connection](#). When you get the results in December, review them with your child and school counselor. Free PSAT Prep available at: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

**Sources:** [Federal Student Aid](#), [NACAC](#)

 [Check Student Online Grades Here!](#)



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