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Everett Public Schools continues to partner with 4-year institutions

Washington Guaranteed Admission Program (WAGAP) and Automatic Admissions Partnership boost college aspirations



Everett Public Schools (EPS) is in its second year partnering with the Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program (WAGAP), which guarantees admission to Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, Saint Martin's University, University of Washington Tacoma, Washington State University and Western Washington University, and its first year partnering with the Automatic Admissions Partnership, which guarantees admission to Pacific Lutheran University to help students meet their college and career goals.

To be eligible for guaranteed admissions to the eight participating institutions, students must have or be on track to earn by graduation a 3.0 GPA (3.3 for Pacific Lutheran University) and complete the college academic distribution requirement coursework.

The primary objective of this collaboration is to reach students who may have never contemplated pursuing a college education or didn't consider themselves college-ready. The partnership is committed to nurturing the college and career aspirations of Washington's students. If a student dreams of earning a bachelor's degree, there is a place for them at one of the state's public baccalaureate institutions or two of the state's private universities.

In EPS, 560 seniors were identified this fall as guaranteed admission eligible (446 for Pacific Lutheran University) and will receive acceptance notifications this month. After receiving the letter, students then complete an admission application and additional requirements by the institution. The guaranteed admission program does not provide financial aid or cover the cost of college, so students will need to complete the FAFSA or WASFA and contact the financial aid office of the colleges for financial aid and scholarship information.

"This program removes obstacles and broadcasts a clear message," said Jeanne Willard, executive director of college & career readiness and extended learning options. "Washington's four-year institutions eagerly want to welcome our students and for them to know they have many opportunities to pursue higher education."

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