



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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12th Grade

Resources & Support Services for Students in College

There are many resources to help students transition to college and get personal, health, financial, and academic support. As in many families, you may be the first person to go to college. Colleges know that students like you--sometimes referred to as **first-generation**--may need more support and have programs designed just for you.

One program is called **TRiO Student Support Services Program or TRiO SSS**. In Washington State, 26 institutions offer TRiO — at both community colleges and four-year schools-- to help students who are low-income, first-generation or have disabilities. TRiO SSS focuses on making sure students have the social and emotional support they need to finish school. It also provides tutoring, teaches study skills, and offers academic counseling. Students also get help navigating the college system, like how to register for classes, access financial aid, and secure housing. Students are also welcome to participate in a variety of social and cultural events designed to help them build a supportive social network on campus.

Another great program is called **CAMP or College Assistance Migrant Program**. It helps students who are migratory or seasonal farmworkers (or children of these workers) during their first year at college. They can get free services like counseling, tutoring, skills workshops, financial aid stipends, health services, and housing assistance.

Campus **disability service offices** ensure equal access to educational programs and services by providing consultation on accommodations (placement testing, classroom, assistive technology, and more) for students with disabilities who are otherwise qualified for college.

Many schools offer a program called **First Year Experience**, which can help students transition to college throughout their first year. It is free and open to all.

There are also **free tutoring** and **writing centers** as well as **career counseling** and **academic advising** for students at all schools. Schools often have a **mental health counselor and health facility** on campus. Check out what supports are available at your college's website. Some programs may require an application.

Source: [Washington Student Achievement Council](#)

Did You Know?

Did you know that high school students may be able to get credit for a language, other than English, that they already know?

Learn how through the **World Language Credit Program** at:

Everett Public Schools World Language Proficiency Testing Information:

<http://www.everettsd.org/Page/22317>

OSPI World Language Competency Credits:

www.k12.wa.us/WorldLanguages/StudentsEarnCredits1.aspx



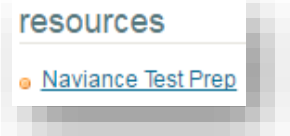
Have Naviance Questions?

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Are you in an AP class or plan to take one next year?

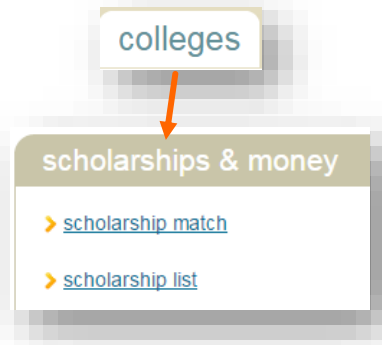
Check out **Naviance TestPrep!!**

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



Did you know that scholarship deadlines come and go every month?

Check out scholarship opportunities in Naviance **TODAY!**



Myth Buster

MYTH: Students have to declare a major and decide a career before they choose their college.

REALITY: ~~Absolutely not.~~

~~Most college applications ask what your intended major might be, but that doesn't mean it is in stone.~~

~~College is a time for students to explore their academic interests and discover an area that they might want to major in.~~

~~Most often than not, students will find their major is something they never even heard of in high school, so they have a good amount of time to discover and decide in college.~~

Source: [UW Dream Project](#)



[Check Student Online Grades Here!](#)

Things to Think About...

If you have been in foster care at any time after turning 13, your classes will likely be paid for at most Washington State colleges!!

Learn about the [College Bound Scholarship](#), the [Passport to College Scholarship](#), and/or the [Education and Training Voucher \(ETV\)](#) program to help pay for school.

Find details at:

www.readysetgrad.org/fostercare and www.independence.wa.gov

These are supportive adults who can help guide your teen through the financial aid process: Designated Support Staff (DSS), program staff, financial aid staff, Independent Living (IL) providers, SETuP staff.

Student Checklist

- ☐ Take your **SAT** or **ACT** tests as early as possible so you can re-take them if you need to. Ask your counselor if you qualify for a test fee waiver.
- ☐ Have your scores sent to the schools on your final list.
- ☐ **Prepare and submit** your applications on time.
- ☐ **Complete college admission and financial aid applications.** If you plan to attend a community or technical college, don't wait until the last minute to apply – financial aid could be gone and the classes you want could be filled. Also, keep copies of all forms you mail or submit online.
- ☐ Need help completing the FAFSA? Go to <https://studentaidhelp.ed.gov/app/home/site/fafsa> to contact them directly!

Family Checklist

- ☐ **Work together to apply for financial aid.** The earlier you apply, the better.
- ☐ **Learn about college loan options together.** Borrowing money for college can be a smart choice — especially if your high schooler gets a low-interest federal loan. Be cautious; learn about loan options and a [parent's role in borrowing money](#).

Sources: [Ready Set Grad](#) and [Career Guidance WA](#)



Visit readysetgrad.org to learn more and access resources to help your child make a plan.