



# High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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10<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Earn College Credit While Still In High School

Tenth grade is an important year! Teens might be learning how to drive a car or even getting a first job. It's also an important year for their academic career. Encourage your teens to set themselves up for success by preparing for the [Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test \(PSAT/NMSQT\)](#) or [ACT Aspire](#), taking more challenging classes like dual-credit courses, and pursuing leadership opportunities in school or the community.

Challenging classes like **dual-credit courses** in high school:

- Give students opportunities for college-level learning.
- Prepare students for college.
- Allow students to earn college credit that may be applied toward a degree.

Plus, **earning college credits in high school can save students time and money** when they get to college. Visit the [dual-credit lookup tool](#) to find out how their AP test scores might count for college credit.

Ask your child's guidance counselor about what [dual credit options](#) are available. For example, your school might offer:

- [Advanced Placement](#) (AP)
- [Running Start](#)
- [Tech Prep](#)
- [College in the High School](#)
- [Gateway to College](#)
- [Career Link—South Seattle Community College Career Link Program](#)
- Technical College Direct Funded Enrollment Programs

Source: [OSPI Dual Credit Opportunities](#) & [ReadySetGrad.org](#)



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

- **Strengths Explorer**

Other things you can check out in **Naviance Family Connection**

-Check out over 3,500 post high-school education opportunities with **SuperMatch!!**

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## Did You Know?

Washington's economy is rooted in science, engineering, and technology. Washington ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in the country for technology-based corporations, but 46<sup>th</sup> for participation in science and engineering graduate programs. We need to close the growing gap between the skills people have in our state and the skills our economy requires.

Source: [Washington STEM](#)