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Council Sets Goals for 2023 and Proposes a Roadmap to Achievement

Olympia—On November 20, the Washington Student Achievement Council is set to adopt two overarching state education goals for 2023:

- All adults in Washington will have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- At least 70 percent of Washington adults will have a postsecondary credential.

In support of these goals, the Council has identified twelve recommendations for policies and/or programs that can make a difference for Washington students. The details of those recommendations are available in the [Roadmap](#) report.

Ensure Access

- Ensure cost is not a barrier for low-income students.
- Keep college affordable.
- Ensure all high school graduates are career and college ready.
- Streamline and expand dual credit programs.
- Increase support for all current and prospective students.

Enhance Learning

- Align postsecondary programs with employment opportunities.
- Provide greater access to work-based learning opportunities.
- Encourage adults to earn a postsecondary credential.
- Leverage technology to improve student outcomes.

Prepare for Future Challenges

- Respond to student, employer and community needs.
- Increase awareness of postsecondary opportunities.
- Help families save for postsecondary education.

The Council is on schedule to deliver the report to the Legislature and Governor by December 2, 2013 and is expected to adopt the report at its meeting on November 20. For more information, including a draft copy of the report, please review the [materials](#) online. The meeting will be held at The Evergreen State College in Olympia and is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 430 of the Daniel J. Evans Library.

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About the Washington Student Achievement Council: Established as a new cabinet-level state agency on July 1, 2012, the Council provides strategic planning, oversight, and advocacy to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington. The Council proposes improvements and innovations to meet the evolving needs of students, employers, and the educational community. In recognition of the economic, social, and civic benefits of public education, the Council advocates for increased financial support and civic commitment to ensure a thriving Washington.

The nine-member Council includes five citizens (including a current student) and one representative from each of Washington's four major educational sectors. More information about the Council can be found on our website: www.wsac.wa.gov.