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## OUR VISION:

We inspire and foster excellence in educational attainment.



# WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL

EDUCATION › OPPORTUNITY › RESULTS

## WHO WE ARE.

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) is a nine-member council supported by a cabinet-level state agency. By statute, the Council provides strategic planning, oversight, advocacy, and programs to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington.

## WHAT WE DO.

### *Strategic planning, oversight, and advocacy:*

- Propose goals and recommend resources to increase educational attainment by means of a ten-year Roadmap and a short-term Strategic Action Plan.
- Propose improvements and innovations needed to address the state's evolving educational needs.
- Advocate for higher education and educate the public on the economic, social, and civic benefits of postsecondary education.
- Connect and align work of educational programs, schools, and institutions to support student transitions from secondary and postsecondary education to the workforce.
- Facilitate analysis and research to increase educational attainment and system development.
- Assess the need for additional degrees and programs throughout the state.
- Improve student success by setting minimum college admission standards and by supporting students' transitions through all phases of education.
- Protect education consumers by authorizing out-of-state institutions to operate in Washington and monitoring program quality and finances.

### *Program administration:*

- Ensure the quality of state financial aid programs and services that support educational access and affordability.
- Provide college savings opportunities through the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) program.
- Prepare underrepresented middle and high school students for postsecondary education through early outreach and success programs such as College Bound and GEAR UP.



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