



# WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL

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COUNCIL  
Fall Workshops

**WCHSCR Tour**  
**September 2013**

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# New information web site for WA



Sept. 2013

## Information Needs

- Finding information is easy, but finding *relevant* and *trustworthy* information is not.

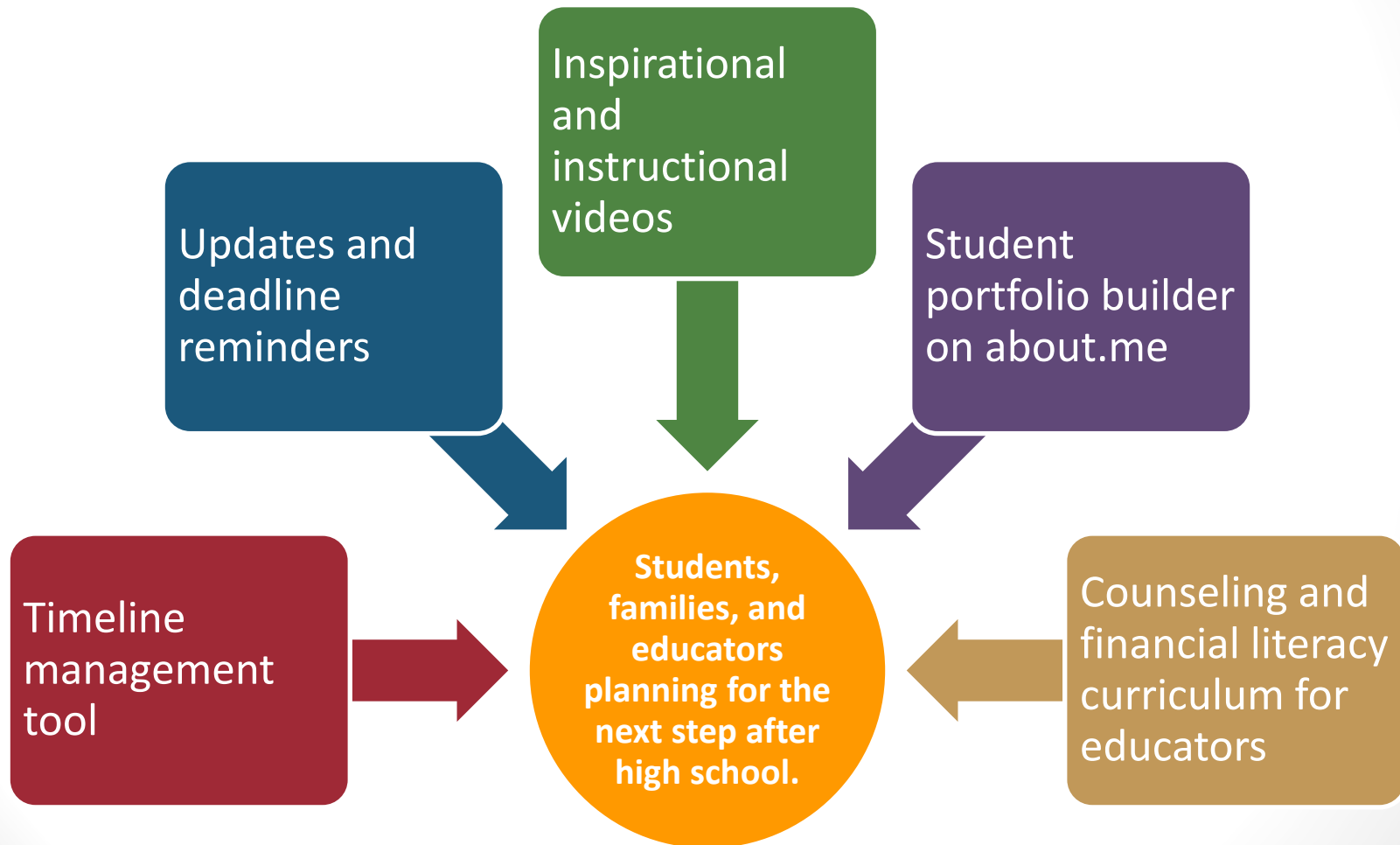
## Support Integration

- Web portal should augment, not replace, existing services offered by institutions and agencies.

## Commitment

- Creating, maintaining, and supporting a higher education and career planning web portal will be a significant task and will not be a one-time effort.

# Ready, Set, Grad Website



# SO YOU WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE, NOW WHAT?

 TEXT ALERTS VIDEO

▶ 1 SELECT YOUR GRADE

▶ 2 START YOUR JOURNEY

I'M AN **8<sup>th</sup>**  
GRADER

**READY****SET****GRAD** EMAIL SIGN UP FACEBOOK

## WWW.READYSETGRAD.ORG

# Timeline Management



## Almost in high school

- Different types of postsecondary institutions
- Career planning – what are your strengths and skills?
- Transition to high school



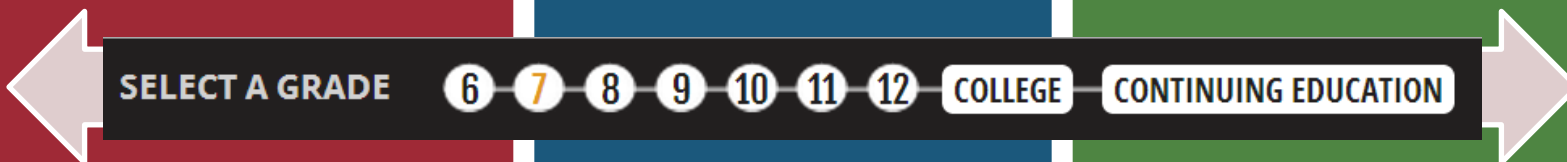
## Get ready

- September – August calendar of preparation activities
- Choosing a college
- FAFSA4Caster



## Returning to school

- Residency & citizenship
- Workforce Board's Career Bridge link
- Career, transfer planning, and military info



# Updates & Reminders

TEXT  
MESSAGING

EMAIL  
NEWSLETTERS

FACEBOOK

TWITTER

VIDEOS

Students and families receive updates about events and deadlines.

- College Bound Sign-up
- College Application Week and College Goal Washington events
- College admission and financial aid deadlines



# Planning Tools & Resources

SELECT A GRADE

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8<sup>th</sup> GRADE


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FACEBOOK

- What You Need To Know
- **Preparing for My Education**
- Timeline



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## READY : PREPARING FOR MY EDUCATION

There are so many ways you can prepare for high school graduation and beyond, even in 8th grade! You should also start thinking about visiting colleges and preparing for them by thinking through the classes you need to register for in high school.

Use our checklist to personalize and navigate the process, saving it and your notes – all the way through high school graduation and college acceptance. Below are some of our suggestions:

- ☐ Take the Measures of Student Progress Test Prep [Add Note >](#)
- ☐ Take the ACT's EXPLORE, which prepares you to take the ACT in high school [Add Note >](#)
- ☐ Take the most challenging English, math, science, and social studies classes you can handle. Don't be afraid to stretch a little bit – most schools offer extra homework help or tutoring to support you. [Add Note >](#)
- ☐ Take classes in art, computers, or world language if you can. [Add Note >](#)
- ☒ Do assignments for extra credit.

*Talk to Mr. Smith about history credit.*

- ☐ Focus on learning and mastering key concepts. [Add Note >](#)



# For Educators...

SELECT A GRADE

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CONTINUING EDUCATION


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EDUCATORS


- Help Your Students Continue Their Education
- Timeline
- Upload A Resource




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## READY : HELP YOUR STUDENTS CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION


If you're here, you know your students need to graduate high school and finish postsecondary education. It's a daunting task, one for which you are not paid, but we know you want to help your students succeed. Ready Set Grad is here to help. With the right resources, your students *can* complete their high school requirements and pursue their dreams of a postsecondary education.

Some of your students need help to see themselves as future postsecondary students. All of your students need someone who believes in them.

One of the biggest obstacles that keep students from pursuing a postsecondary degree is that most students and parents don't know where to begin; they get overwhelmed quickly and don't realize there are multiple ways to pursue and finance an education. Ready Set Grad offers teachers and administrators information, resources, and tools to help your students succeed. We also offer support on how to discuss postsecondary options with your students' parents, a number of whom may not have attended college.

As an educator, **you** can be their best hope and resource.





# \$ FOR COLLEGE



TEXT ALERTS

- Washington Conditional Loans
- American Indian Endowed Scholarship
- **College Bound Scholarship Program**
- Passport for Foster Youth Promise Program
- State Need Grant
- State Work Study
- Washington Scholars
- WICHE Programs



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The College Bound Scholarship program encourages low-income, middle school students to choose a path that will lead to educational success after high school.

The program promises tuition (at public institution rates) and a small book allowance for [income-eligible](#) students who sign up in the 7th or 8th grade, work hard in school, stay out of legal trouble, and successfully apply to a higher education institution when they graduate.



Students only need to sign up once. The deadline is **June 30 at the end of the student's 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.**

[College List](#) – Check out the list of 68 Washington colleges where students can use the College Bound Scholarship to earn an approved certificate or degree.

[Median Family Income](#) – See if your family meets the College Bound Scholarship Median Family Income requirements.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

I am a:

- [Student or Family](#)
- [Counselor, Teacher, or Principal](#)

### HIGH SCHOOL



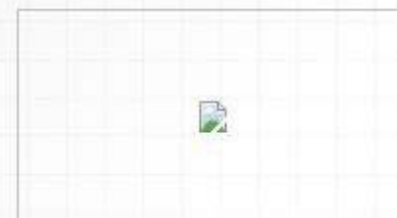
## College Bound on Ready Set Grad

[www.readysetgrad.org/college/college-bound-scholarship-program](http://www.readysetgrad.org/college/college-bound-scholarship-program)



### Student Tracking

- [Access the College Bound Student Report Portal](#)
- [Step-by-Step Presentation with voice-over: Using the Portal for High School Staff](#)



### Counselor Only Tools

- [What You Need to Know About College Bound Scholarship](#)
- [Scripts and Sample Letters](#)
- Webinar – Scholarship overview, awarding process, and resources for working with graduating seniors
- [Powerpoint with voice-over](#)
- [Powerpoint presentation only, no sound](#)

### College Prep Fee Waivers

- [Letter from ACT about fee waivers](#)
- [ACT Fee Waiver Eligibility Requirements](#)
- [Counselor's Guide to Fee Waivers for the SAT](#)
- [Letter sent to Juniors from College Bound/Student Achievement Council](#)

### Get Assistance



## College Bound for Counselors & Educators

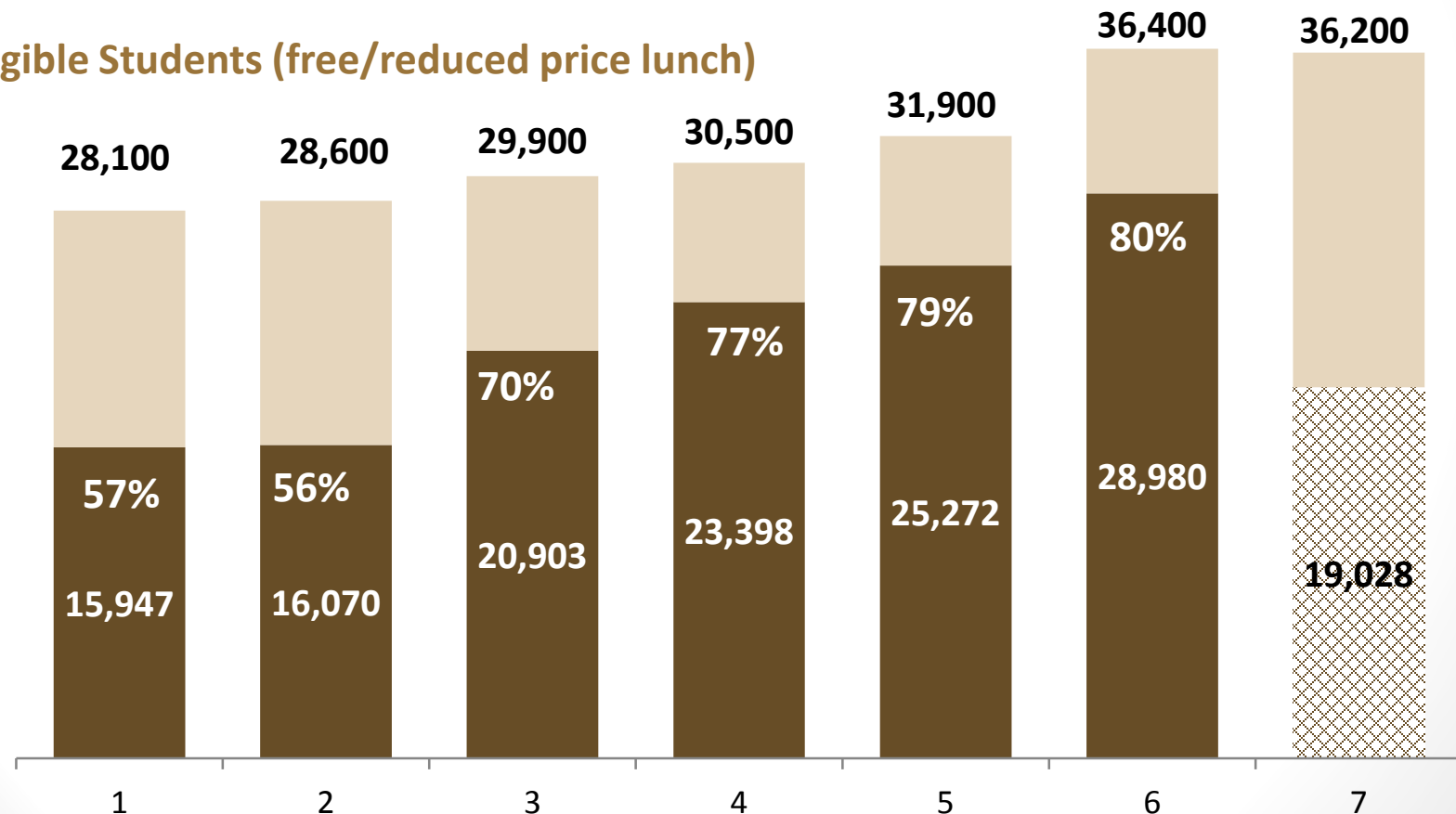
College Bound content on Ready Set Grad includes scholarship eligibility criteria, sign-up information, access to the Council's secure Portal, and other training resources.

# College Bound Scholarship

## 151,600 Applications 2007 to 2013

■ CBS Applicants 2007 to 2013

Eligible Students (free/reduced price lunch)



\*Preliminary numbers as cohort deadline has not passed and/or applications being processed.



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The Passport to College Promise Scholarship program helps students from foster care prepare for and succeed in college. In the 2012-13 academic year, the program served over 400 students - with a maximum annual award of \$4,500.

Through Passport, students receive a scholarship that assists with the cost of attending college (tuition, fees, books, housing, transportation, and some personal expenses), specialized support services from college staff, and priority consideration for the State Need Grant and State Work Study programs.

Passport students also may opt-in for personalized help and support services from the [College Success Foundation](#).

To meet eligibility requirements, Passport students must:

- Spend at least one year in foster care in Washington state after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Emancipate from care on or after January 1, 2007
- Enroll at least half-time in an eligible college by their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday
- Maintain Washington residency
- Not pursue a degree in theology
- Be working toward earning their first bachelor's degree, associate degree, or certificate.

If approved for Passport, students must notify the college financial aid office of their eligibility. They also can contact the [Designated Support Staff](#) person at their college to begin receiving help for navigating through college.

To apply, complete the [Passport Consent Form](#)



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## Passport to College on Ready Set Grad

[www.readysetgrad.org/college/passport-foster-youth-promise-program](http://www.readysetgrad.org/college/passport-foster-youth-promise-program)

# Financial Aid Resources

## Tools for Families & Counselors

- Workbooks at [www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov](http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov)
- MyFSA for students with savings calculator at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)
- College Score Card compares “net price” loan default and median borrowing at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)
- Additional resources [www.nasfaa.org/counselors/Resources for Counselors.aspx](http://www.nasfaa.org/counselors/Resources%20for%20Counselors.aspx)



## Smarter > Scholarship Matches

Looking for scholarships? theWashBoard.org makes it simple. We **connect** Washington students of all types with Washington scholarship providers....for FREE.

Whether you'll be attending in state or out, you save time by entering your profile once and letting us find the scholarship opportunities that fit. theWashBoard.org is spam-free and will never sell your information.

[Check us out in this video](#)

**Sign In or Register Today!**



> Sign In

[Forgot your password?](#)

### For Seekers



Create a profile and let us do the rest. We will match you with scholarships you are most likely to qualify for and applying online is easy. [Check us out in this video](#)

[Seeker Registration](#)

### News & Announcements

We're making improvements this month, in response to early feedback, to ensure the most accurate scholarship matches.

New scholarships are being added to theWashBoard.org daily! Check back often.

**FAFSA** for 2013-2014 starts January 1, 2013.

### For Providers



Post your scholarship to reach a larger group of students. We make reviewing and evaluating applications easy. Find the next recipients of your scholarship. [Check us out in this video](#)

[Provider Registration](#)





### Advanced Placement Programs

Advanced Placement programs enable students to take college-level courses while in high school. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) maintains a comprehensive Advanced Placement website [at the link above](#). Interested students should check with their school counselors about the availability of these programs.

### Other Dual Credit Programs

Other dual credit programs allow high school students to enroll in college-level courses, either at their own school or at their local community college. Check the OSPI Dual Credit website link above for comprehensive information or visit the program links below. As with AP courses, not all schools offer these options. Interested students should check with their high school counselor.

### International Baccalaureate Programs

High-quality programs of international education are offered to a worldwide community of schools. Three programs for students aged 3-19 help develop the intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills to live, learn, and work in a rapidly globalizing world. Check availability with your high school counselor.

### Running Start

The Running Start program in Washington allows 11th and 12th grade students to take college courses at Washington's community and technical colleges and at Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Washington State University, and Northwest Indian College.

### College Admission Standards

New minimum college admission standards for students seeking admission to a public, four-year college or university, went into effect in fall 2012. An academic road map for middle and high school students, the new minimum standards do not guarantee admission but do establish a foundational level of academic achievement needed to do successful college work.

## Minimum College Admission Standards (MCAS) & College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADR)

<http://readysetgrad.org/#12th-grade/ready/what-you-need-know>

# Coming Soon on Ready Set Grad: College Goal Washington and the College Application Campaign

- The WSAC is the administrator for College Goal Washington-FAFSA completion events.
- Two major campaigns:
  - Intended to help schools and communities embrace a culture of college readiness and exploration.
  - Serve as a means to help students — particularly underserved populations — navigate the college admissions, financial aid, and scholarship process.

# What's Next on Ready Set Grad?

## Ready, Set, Grad marketing campaign

- Seattle-based marketing firm contracted to plan and execute an 18-month marketing campaign, targeting counselors & other educators, students, and families.

## Dual Credit look-up

- Drop-down menu feature to look-up and compare AP scores needed for credit at specific universities—Fall 2013

## The Vault financial literacy curriculum

- Partnering with WSECU to provide interactive financial literacy curriculum—Late Fall 2013



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