

11th Grade Fall Student-Led Conferences & High School & Beyond Plan (HSBP)



In the 11th grade, the HSBP is focused on

post-secondary options exploration

(aligned to career and education goals) and

financing your future! The signature

experience is based on

post-secondary/college so keep an eye out

for student field trips & reflections!

Upcoming Events & Announcements

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High School & Beyond Plan focus during high school:

2 10th Grade 12th Grade Exploring expanded course Activating (applying) options aligned to career your Plan interests and goals Completing financial **Exploring careers** Preparing for HS & Post-Secondary Options **Beyond Exploration** Getting to know self Financing your Future 9th Grade 11th Grade

Related to HSBP, 11th grade students should:

- Continue to cultivate a positive attitude towards work and learning and their self-confidence
- Cultivate creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration (21st Century Skills)
- Understand financial aid and the difference between aid that is free and aid that isn't free
- Know that post-secondary options include 2 and 4 year colleges, apprenticeships, military, employment, and career & technical colleges. Students should be able to identify a post-secondary goal and/or pathways of interest.

Post-secondary Options:

Did you know that 70% of all jobs in Washington require some form of education after high school? Students have many pathway options after high school. Some of these involve continuing education and training. Post-secondary options include: 2-year Colleges, 4-year Colleges & Universities, Apprenticeships, Career & Technical Colleges, Employment, Military/National Service. Explore some of these post-secondary options more.

The High School & Beyond Plan (HSBP) is a Washington State graduation requirement. In Highline Public Schools, the High School & Beyond Plan is a sequence of lessons and experiences delivered by dedicated, knowledgeable staff. The HSBP is a meaningful, individualized plan that is grounded in students' interests, strengths, and hopes for their future. Through deeper, structured conversations with caring adults and real world experiences, students stay engaged, on-track toward graduation, and are prepared for success after high school.



College Affordability

What is Real? Is what we think about life after graduation true or false?

Myth: The cost of college is so high it's not even an option anymore.

Reality: Washington has ranked first in the nation in the level of need-based financial aid per undergraduate enrollments for the last three academic years.

Cost doesn't have to be a barrier to attending college. There is money available to help. You and your family will learn more details about financial aid this year. If this process if new for you, be sure to read resources, attend information sessions and reach out to your school counselor and/or college & career center.

Things you can do as a parent/guardian:

Family Discussion Ideas

- Find time to discuss how you each feel about a student's post-secondary goals and planning process.
- Ask and discuss ways you can support their research, preparation and planning. This might be taking more of a listening role to hear how they are feeling or more of an active role with helping your student discuss tangible next steps.
- Review the <u>5 Questions Students Must Ask</u> resource and discuss

Questions to ask your student:

- As you consider your future, what types of options after high school have you already explored (e.g., two-year college, four year college, certificates, trades, internships)?
- What concerns or questions came up for you as you explored?
- To achieve your career goals, how long are you willing to go to college or other type of training?
- What does success mean to you when it comes to a career?

Family Checklist

- Determine if your student is a College Bound Scholar. If so, review eligibility requirements and the pledge.
- Review Washington State financial aid resources.
 These include financial aid that is need AND merit based and Estimate your award with the financial aid calculator. There are many sources of money and kinds of aid available to continue your education—the only way to know for sure if you qualify is to complete a financial aid application.
- ☐ Encourage your student to meet with their school counselor and/or college & career access specialist. Have your student schedule a meeting to talk about career, college options and goals.
- Make a plan to for summer. This may include extracurricular activities, compiling a scholarship list (resources available in Naviance), reviewing/finalizing a college applications list, and gathering documents to apply for financial aid.
- Sign up for the <u>Scoop eNewsletter(s)</u> if you haven't already. Receive alerts of upcoming events and college and career resources directly to your inbox!

