

**OCTOBER FOR FAMILIES OF 11THGRADE STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS**

**White Pass GEAR UP Newsletter**

High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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**Did You Know?**

**COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Washington State has 34 community and technical (two-year) colleges and six public four-year colleges and universities. There’s a program for every interest!

Students who would like to attend a public baccalaureate college must meet certain minimum standards beyond what it may take to graduate from high school. A school district’s requirements may be higher than the state minimums.

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| Subject | WA State Graduation Requirements (2019) | Min. Requirements For WA Public Colleges | Recommended For Highly Selective Colleges |
| English | 4 credits | 4 credits | 4 credits |
| Math | 3 credits | 3 credits (Including math senior year) | 3-4 credits |
| Science  (1 Lab) | 3 credits  (2 labs) | 2 credits  (2 labs) | 3-4 credits |
| Social Studies | 3 credits | 3 credits | 3-4 credits |
| World Language *Or Personalized Pathway Requirement (PPR)* | 2 credits  (both can be PPR) | 2 credits | 3-4 credits |
| Arts | 2 credit | 1 credit | 2-3 credits |
| Health/Fitness | 2 credits  (.5 Health and 1.5 Fitness) |
| Career & Technical Education | 1 credit |
| General Electives | 4 credits |

Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA to be admitted to a public college or university in WA State. For more info: [www.k12.wa.us/graduationrequirements](http://www.k12.wa.us/graduationrequirements) or <https://wsac.wa.gov/college-admissions>

Students who meet regularly with a mentor are **52% less likely** than their peers to skip a day of school and **37% less likely** to skip a class.



**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

\_\_ Tutoring is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00pm till 4:30pm with transportation available

\_\_ Virtual college campus visits take place each Thursday in the GEAR UP college and career center during core/flex

\_\_ Bi weekly student check and connect about grades are taking place

\_\_ Student conferences are the week of October 25th-29th

**Myth Buster**

**Student Checklist**

* **Start developing a résumé**—a record of your accomplishments, activities, and work experiences. This will be an important part of your college application.
* **If you haven’t participated in many activities outside of class, now is the time to sign up**. Consider clubs at schools, team sports, leadership roles, or involvement in your religious or civic community group.
* **Take the PSAT.** The fall of 11th grade is your last chance to take the PSAT/NMSQT, which will help you prepare for the SAT. It could also qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. When you receive the results (usually in December), review them to learn more about your strengths and weaknesses. Discuss the results with your family and school counselor.

**Family Checklist**

* **Help your child develop a résumé.** Help your teen think about his or her accomplishments, activities, and work experiences.
* **Encourage your teen to participate in after school activities**. Consider clubs at schools, team sports, leadership roles, or involvement in your religious or civic community group.
* **Help your child prepare for the PSAT.** When you get the results in December, review them with your child and school counselor. Free PSAT Prep available at: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

# **MYTH:** All that my child has to do is meet the minimum requirements to get into college.

**REALITY**: Many colleges and universities use something called a “comprehensive review.” Some factors include:

-Academic rigor or challenging coursework

-Quality of senior year courses

-Grade trends

-Extracurricular activities

-Ability to enhance the diversity of the school (racial, cultural, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic, family educational history)

-Academic performance compared to opportunities available at your high school.

Some schools offer different opportunities like Advanced Placement and honors classes and some schools do not offer those programs. Colleges will take this into account. Did you take advantage of the opportunities available to you?