

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 7, 2015
#####

Council to review factors affecting high school graduation and postsecondary success

Olympia — On Aug. 13, the Washington Student Achievement Council will hear a presentation from staff on barriers and strategies to enhance student success and persistence in postsecondary education. The council will also hear a presentation on factors that influence high school graduation.

These presentations are based on two issue briefs, currently in draft form. The briefs will be used to inform the council’s 2015 Roadmap update, which will measure system-wide progress toward meeting the state’s educational attainment goals for 2023:

- All adults in Washington, ages 25-44, will have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- At least 70 percent of Washington adults, ages 25-44, will have a postsecondary credential.

Council members will review development of a postsecondary affordability framework and supplemental budget request recommendations, followed by an overview of agency plans for rulemaking related to financial aid, degree authorization and residency. The meeting will conclude with an update from the communications division and public comment.

The meeting will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in College Place. All [materials](#) will be available online the day of the meeting.

Meeting location:
Walla Walla University
Alumni Building Board Room
2014 South College Avenue
College Place, WA 98324

#####

Contact:

Emily Persky (media@wsac.wa.gov)
Communications Program Manager
360-753-7817

About the Washington Student Achievement Council: Established as a 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. Find us online at www.wsac.wa.gov, on Twitter @WSACouncil, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WSACouncil