



Strategies to Increase Educational Attainment

Including the Student Achievement Council's 2017-19 priorities

A Call to Action - Legislative Strategies

The 2017-19 Strategic Action Plan proposes a comprehensive set of strategies to support the entire educational continuum. Meeting our state's educational attainment goals requires investments in an array of programs targeting every level of the education system.

Affordability

Make higher education more affordable

- Expand state financial aid programs, including **fully funding the State Need Grant program.**
- Provide ample funding for higher education.
- **Maintain full funding for the College Bound Scholarship.**
- Maintain a stable and predictable tuition policy.

Readiness

Improve college and career readiness

- **Increase dual-credit opportunities.**
- Invest in guidance, and proven high school completion efforts.

Completion

Increase college completion

- Fund successful student support programs.
- **Provide opportunity gap innovation grants.**
- **Create a plan to recruit and retain adult students.**

Employment

Ensure graduates can meet workforce demands

- Expand investments in fields with anticipated workforce shortages.
- **Expand work-based learning through State Work Study.**

Bold: 2017-19 WSAC priorities

Build on an excellent education system

Washingtonians have a rich and diverse menu of educational pathways with opportunities across the education and higher education sectors. Washington must build on the current education system from early learning through postsecondary education, public and private, to meet the state's rapidly growing and changing education needs.