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Council to decide on agency-request legislation and approve 2014 Strategic Action Plan

Olympia — On Oct. 8, the Washington Student Achievement Council will decide whether to transmit agency-request legislation on dual credit as it moves toward finalizing the 2014 Strategic Action Plan.

Though Washington has been a national leader in dual credit innovation through the establishment of Running Start and College in the High School, challenges remain. During the development and implementation of the [2013 Roadmap](#), the council identified key impediments that limit access to dual credit programs, particularly for low-income students. The proposed legislation is intended to mitigate these barriers.

The dual credit discussion complements the council’s work on the 2014 Strategic Action Plan.

The plan will propose recommendations to meet Washington’s two statewide educational attainment goals for 2023:

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

The 2014 Strategic Action Plan’s recommendations will align with the council’s [2013 Roadmap Report](#).

The council is anticipating approving the plan at the October meeting. In November, the council will adopt the 2014 Strategic Action Plan in anticipation of delivery to the Legislature and the governor in December.

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

Meeting location:

Pacific Lutheran University, 12180 Park Ave. S, Tacoma, WA 98447
Anderson University Center, Scandinavian Cultural Center

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About the Washington Student Achievement Council: Established as a new 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](https://twitter.com/WSACouncil), and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WSACouncil.