

Dual Credit

House Higher Education Committee

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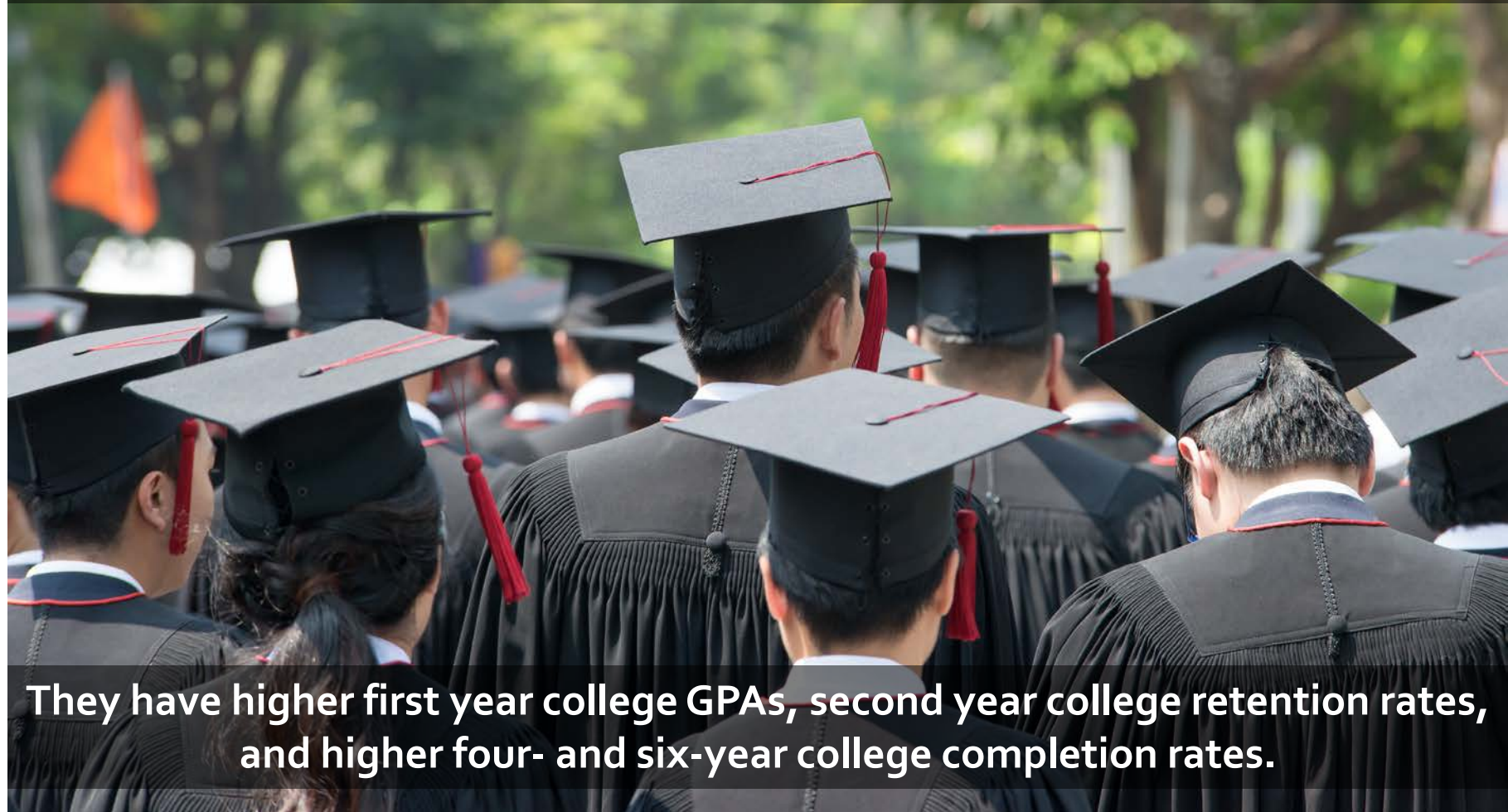
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Definition and Benefits

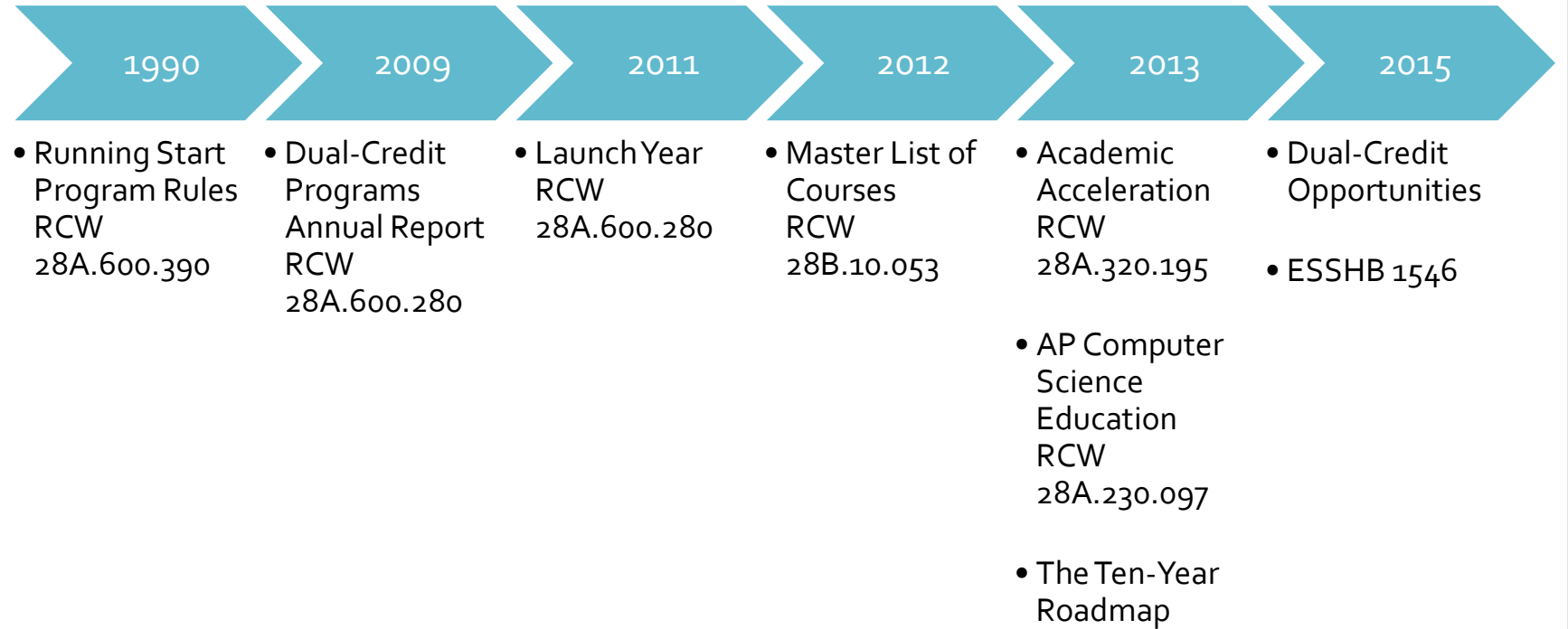
Dual-credit programs offer high school students the opportunity to earn college credit at high schools, on college campuses, or online.

Dual-credit students are more likely to meet college readiness benchmarks, enter college—and enter shortly after high school graduation—and they are less likely to place into remedial English or math.

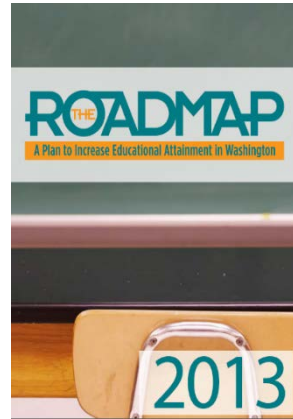


They have higher first year college GPAs, second year college retention rates, and higher four- and six-year college completion rates.

Legislation



Roadmap and Strategic Action Plan



Educational attainment goals for 2023:

- All WA adults ages 25-44 will have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- At least 70% of WA adults ages 25-44 will have a postsecondary credential.

Identified near-term priority to expand dual-credit opportunities.

Strategies to Address Barriers

Improve Program Access and Availability:

Geography, faculty availability, student demand, age/grade restrictions, technology (both hardware and internet access).

Provide Clear information:

Consistent student advising, transparent credit policies at postsecondary institutions.

Reduce Student Costs:

Tuition, test fees, transportation, books.

Current Work

Workshops for Dual-Credit Practitioners

WSAC partnering with OSPI, SBCTC and others to provide professional development.

Dual-Credit Search Tool

WSAC created a tool which allows students to see how many credits public baccalaureates will award for specific AP exams and scores.

CTC and BI System Alignment Work

Colleges and universities working within their sectors to develop more consistent and transparent award of credit for AP and IB courses.


Quality Assurance

WSAC collaborating with OSPI, SBCTC, COP, AWSP to develop rules for College in the High School.

Dual-Credit Progress Report

WSAC will provide a report on dual-credit access and affordability to the Legislature in September of 2016, per 2015 legislation.

National Trends



National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships
Education Commission of the States



Continue the conversation.

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