



Washington  
Student Achievement Council

Promoting educational attainment  
for the people and economy of  
Washington

**The Legislature created the Council in 2012, and gave it three primary responsibilities:**

- **Propose goals** for increasing educational attainment in Washington.
- **Identify improvements** and innovations.
- **Promote benefits** of postsecondary education.



## The Council consists of nine members

- **Five citizens** appointed by the Governor, including one student.
- **Four education sector** representatives:
  - Two-year public colleges
  - Four-year public institutions
  - Independent Colleges of Washington
  - K-12 education system



**Agency staff** led by an Executive Director support the Council's work.

## **The Council provides programs and services to promote student success and achievement**

- **Financial aid** makes college affordable for needy students
- **GET** helps families save for college
- **Early outreach programs** (College Bound, GEAR UP) encourage college-going behavior
- **Policies** support student preparation, progress, completion
- **Institutional authorization** protects education consumers
- **Advocacy** supports student success, access, affordability

## Key planning duties:

- **Develop a Ten-Year education Roadmap** for raising educational attainment and sustaining a viable, accountable, and effective education system.
- **Develop a Two-Year Strategic Action Plan** that identifies priorities to be addressed in the Roadmap.



## **Critical Crossroads: A Call for Action**

- Completed December 2012
- Identified five areas for further analysis and action in the Roadmap:
  - **Readiness**
  - **Affordability**
  - **Institutional Capacity and Student Success**
  - **Capturing the Potential of Technology**
  - **Stable and Accountable Funding**



## **Recommendations in the Roadmap will be based on:**

- Facts and evidence about what is being done today and needed improvements.
- Objective, empirical data and careful analysis.
- Evaluation and best practices within our state and beyond.
- Stakeholder input.

## Roadmap Timetable

- Council will hear additional reports from Roadmap work groups in May, July, and September.
- Council will adopt final Roadmap and deliver to the Governor and Legislature in late November.





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