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### **Council to review educational attainment progress data and weigh in on analysis**

**Olympia** — On Oct. 15, the council will review data on the progress Washington has made toward its educational attainment goals: by 2023 all Washington adults, ages 25-44, will have a high school diploma or equivalent, and 70 percent will have a postsecondary credential. Members will discuss the data and respond to the analysis provided by Council staff and an interagency technical working group.

Representatives from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Council of Presidents, and the Independent Colleges of Washington will share their respective legislative priorities to advance educational attainment.

Council staff will present recommended changes to the minimum college admission standards. Following, a panel of leaders from the University of Washington, Western Governors University, and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges will engage the council in a discussion about innovative programs to reengage adults in postsecondary education.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with public comment before adjournment at 4:00 p.m. in Tacoma. All [materials](#) will be available online the day of the meeting.

Meeting location:

University of Puget Sound  
Tahoma Room, Commencement Hall  
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Tacoma, WA 98416

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**About the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC):** Established as a cabinet-level state agency in 2012, WSAC provides strategic planning, administrative oversight and advocacy to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington.

The nine-member Council includes five citizen members (one is a current student) and one representative from each of Washington’s four major educational sectors. 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.

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