



# New Research on College Bound

WSAC explores why some College Bound Scholarship students don't continue their education after high school.

## What students said



They're uncertain about College Bound Scholarship requirements and eligibility.



They wish their schools had started talking about the benefits of college and exploring careers earlier.



They want a mandatory class during the school day for help with college prep and career counseling.



Almost all plan on attending postsecondary education—but about 1 in 5 students are unsure when they'll attend.

## 2017 Postsecondary Enrollment Study



### FOCUS GROUPS

2 schools

#### School A

- Low CBS sign-up rate.
- 2/3 students eligible for free and reduced price lunch.

#### School B

- High CBS sign-up rate.
- 1/3 students eligible for free and reduced price lunch.



### SURVEYS

2 groups

#### Group A

- Current high school seniors.
- 1,196 responses from 26 schools.

#### Group B

- Recent high school graduates.
- 11% response rate (544 responses)

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) administers the College Bound Scholarship. WSAC conducted this study with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Findings were not tested for statistical significance.

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