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## OUR VISION

We inspire and foster excellence in educational attainment.

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## WHO WE ARE

Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) is a ten-member council supported by a cabinet-level state agency. By statute, the Council provides strategic planning, oversight, advocacy, and program administration to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington.



## WHAT WE DO

Strategic planning, oversight, and advocacy:

- Be a convener, facilitator, and thought leader to increase educational attainment in Washington, with a focus on improving equity and opportunity for people and groups furthest from the state's attainment goal.
- Advocate for higher education, and educate the public on the economic, social, and civic benefits of postsecondary education.
- Advise state and local elected officials on how best to support cross-sector education and training pathways in K-12 schools, colleges, universities, apprenticeship programs, and training programs.
- Conduct research and evaluation to inform public policy and public and private investments to better achieve our goals.
- Assess the need for additional degrees and programs throughout the state.
- Improve student success by setting minimum college admission standards and by supporting students' transitions through all phases of education.
- Protect education consumers by authorizing out-of-state institutions to operate in Washington and by monitoring program quality and finances.
- Promote and safeguard quality education and training programs for veterans.
- Represent the broad public interest above the interests of the individual institutions of higher education.

Program administration:

- Ensure the quality of state financial aid programs and services that support educational access and affordability.
- Provide college savings opportunities through the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) program and DreamAhead College Investment Plan.
- Prepare underrepresented middle and high school students for postsecondary education through early outreach and success programs such as College Bound and GEAR UP.

