



# GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS PILOT

## Pilot Summary

Washington's public four-year college and universities in partnership with our communities are committed to meeting the college and career goals of Washington students. Focused on increasing access and credential completion in Washington, many of Washington's public baccalaureate institutions offer guaranteed admissions programs for students who meet set criteria.

The Guaranteed Admissions Pilot supports guaranteed admissions efforts at each of the participating public baccalaureate institutions (participating institution) to ensure similar processes, expectations and communications across institutions. The participating public baccalaureate institutions include [Central Washington University](#), [Eastern Washington University](#), [The Evergreen State College](#), [Western Washington University](#) and [Washington State University](#).

This document will outline the process and expectations for the implementation of the Guaranteed Admissions Pilot (GAP), including:

- guaranteed admission criteria for each participating institution.
- process and expectations for students, districts and schools to participate in the Pilot for the 2021-22 school year.
- anticipated outcomes and next steps to improve the pilot for the 2022-23 academic year.

The 2021-22 academic year is the first year of the Pilot. Participating institutions are implementing and developing this initiative simultaneously. The intent is to continuously learn, engage and improve the initiative throughout the year and into future years to fully mature this program. The overall goal focused on building opportunities for students and strengthening relationships between Washington public baccalaureate institutions and districts and schools.

## Guaranteed Admission Requirements

Participating institutions require two criteria be met for a student to be eligible for guaranteed admissions: (1) A minimum GPA or minimum GPA/class ranking and (2) Completion of the College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs).

- CWU - GPA 3.0 and CADRs completion
- EWU - GPA 3.0 and CADRs completion
- Evergreen - GPA 2.5 and CADRs completion
- WSU - GPA 3.6 or ranked in top 10 percent of high school class and CADRs completion
- WWU – GPA 3.0 and CADRs completion

If a student meets the criteria or is on track to meet the criteria by high school completion, he/she/they are guaranteed admission to the institution.

## Key Messages

- Students are prepared for post-secondary work.
- Washington's public baccalaureate institutions want Washington high school students to attend a Washington college or university.
- Washington's public baccalaureate institutions are affordable and accessible.

## Students Expectations

Students who meet the criteria or are on track to meet the criteria by high school completion, he/she/they are guaranteed admission to the institution. This is the first step in the process. Once students are notified, they are eligible for guaranteed admissions at one or more participating institutions students:

- Must apply to the institution by completing an admissions application and any additional requirements and steps by the institution; and
- Are encouraged to engage in challenging high school coursework and maintain their high school GPA during their senior year to meet the guaranteed admission criteria.

## School Districts/Schools

The Pilot provides the opportunity for districts or schools to participate with multiple participating institutions or a single institution.

For the 2021-22 academic year, districts and schools interested in participating in the Pilot will complete the following steps with one or more of the participating institutions.

By **October 15, 2021**, all districts or schools interested in participating in the 2021-22 Pilot must have connected with a participating institution, committed to participation in the Pilot and the completion of the requirements listed below. The DSA and MOU may be finalized after October 15, 2021.

For each participating institution in the Pilot, the district or school will:

- Connect with the contact(s) at the participating institutions.
- Complete a Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) with a participating institution(s).
- Complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a participating institution(s).
- Provide the data identified through the DSA to the participating institution(s) to identify students eligible for guaranteed admission each semester or quarter to ensure students who may become eligible throughout the year are identified.
- Meet the objectives and requirements identified in the MOU and DSA.

- Participate in two meetings with all participating districts and schools and participating institutions. The first meeting will take place in mid-fall to check-in and learn from peers. The second meeting will take place in the spring to debrief the Pilot and inform the initiative for the following academic year.
- Engage throughout the school year with the participating institutions to build and strengthen long-term relationships between the district or school and participating institutions.

## **Washington Public Baccalaureate Participating Institutions**

The Guaranteed Admission Pilot provides the opportunity for participating institutions to increase enrollment of Washington students and strengthen relationships with Washington districts and schools.

For the 2021-22 school year, each participating institution will complete the following steps with each participating district or school who meets the October 15, 2021, deadline.

Each participating institution will:

- Connect with each district or school that expresses interest in participating in the Pilot in the 2021-22 academic year. A participating institution may also reach out directly to school districts or schools. Institutions may also engage with districts or schools interested in participating in future years.
- Provide a Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) to be completed by the district(s) or school(s).
- Provide a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be completed by the district(s) or schools(s).
- Intentionally engage with district(s) or school(s) to inform the district(s) or school(s) about all participating institutions and request to share contact information with other participating institutions to engage district(s) or school(s) with more than one participating institution.
- Upon receipt of the data identified in the DSA from the district(s) or school(s), participating institutions will identify eligible students for guaranteed admissions.
- Be the primary communicator with students and families about eligibility for guaranteed admissions. The participating institution(s) will send a letter to the student, both in electronic and written form, regarding a student's eligibility for guaranteed admissions and the requirements and expectations of the institution.
- Each quarter or semester data is provided to participating institution(s). The participating institution(s) will provide the district(s) or school(s) with a list of students eligible for guaranteed admissions.
- Meet the objectives and requirements identified in the MOU and DSA.
- Participate in two meetings with all participating districts and schools and participating institutions. The first meeting will take place in mid-fall to check-in and learn from peers. The second meeting will take place in the spring to debrief the Pilot and inform the initiative for the following academic year.
- Engage throughout the school year with the participating district(s) or school(s) to build and strengthen long-term relationships between the district(s) or school(s) and the participating institutions.

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## Key Dates

The following dates represent key dates for the Guaranteed Admission Pilot. This key dates table is not an exhaustive list of all communications; institutions will need to decide additional dates and activities best suited to their own communities and share with district(s) and schools(s).

Date	Deadline/Activity
October 15, 2021	Deadline for districts and schools for 2021-22 to participate in Pilot for the 2021-22 academic year. *
Late October 2021	Joint convening of all participating institution, district and school partners to check-in and discuss the Pilot.
Spring 2022	Joint Convening of all participating institution, district and school partners to debrief the pilot and inform the work for the following academic year.
Spring 2022	Participating institutions expand outreach to include additional districts and schools for the Pilot in the 2022-23 academic year.

\*Note participating institutions will continue to communicate with school districts and schools regarding the Pilot for participation in the 2022-23 academic year.

## **Planning for the 2022-23 Academic Year**

The participating institutions plan to grow the Guaranteed Admissions Pilot in the coming years. The intent is to learn from the Pilot in the 2021-22 academic year to increase the success of the Pilot in the future. Some of the efforts to be considered:

- Participating institutional data collection of the Pilot over the 2021-22 academic year.
- Develop a joint DSA and MOU for all participating institutions.
- Incorporate feedback and suggestions from school districts and schools in the Pilot to inform and improve the program in the following academic year.
- Consider expansion of requirements to increase FAFSA/WAFSA completion.