



Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program (WAGAP)

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Welcoming Washington High School Students

Sector Snapshot

Academic Excellence

Largest producer of bachelor's and graduate degrees in Washington.

Homegrown Talent & Diversity

Over 80% of students are Washington residents; nearly 50% identify as non-white.

Affordability & Accessibility

Among the top 10 states for low average undergraduate tuition and fees; ranked 2nd in the nation for Pell Grant recipients.

Achievement & Opportunity

Ranked 2nd in graduation rates for the West region and above the national average; average time to degree is 3.9 years direct from high school; strong ROI with significant lifetime earnings potential and quality of life.



Removing Barriers to Admissions

Holistic Admissions

Common App and
Institutional App to
Meet Student Needs

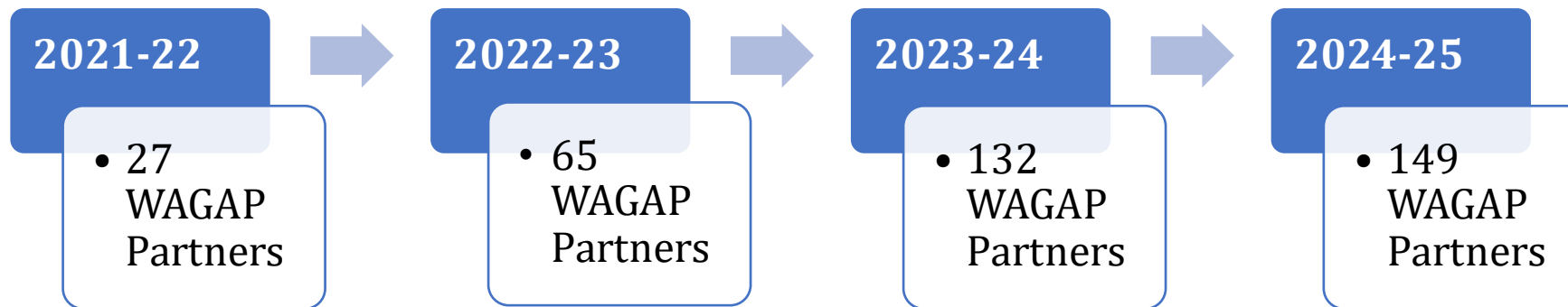
No Standardized Tests
for Admissions

Basic Needs

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WAGAP in the Making

- Improve access to bachelor's degrees through clear communication.
- Create a culture of hope, inclusivity, and confidence among high school students in Washington.
- Cultivate a college-going mindset among high school students in Washington.
- Build enduring partnerships between Washington's public baccalaureate institutions and Washington's school districts and schools to enhance educational continuity and support.



Two Equal Paths to Admissions

General Admissions	Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program (WAGAP)
Complete application and send transcripts.	Cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
Admissions offices review high school and college grades, coursework, senior year courses, personal achievements and characteristics.	Complete a series of required high school classes .
All Washington public baccalaureate institutions.	Meet above criteria guaranteed admissions to WAGAP participating institutions : Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, University of Washington Tacoma, Washington State University, and Western Washington University.
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How WAGAP Works

WAGAP partners sign DSA and a letter of support by September 30.

WAGAP partners provide directory information for all 11th grade students and only 12th grade students who meet WAGAP requirements.

WAGAP requirements: (1) 3.0 GPA or higher, cumulative, unweighted and (2) completion of all high school coursework college required to meet state's minimum admission requirements.

WAGAP sends students a letter via email. 11th grade letter focused on what to know about admissions and 12th grade letter offers those eligible guaranteed admissions to the institution.

Each participating WAGAP institution provides students with personalized communications re: next steps.

Participating WAGAP Institutions:

- Central Washington University
- Eastern Washington University
- The Evergreen State College
- University of Washington Tacoma
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University

Key Takeaways

- We are reaching students who would not have considered themselves college but are college ready.
- Building organic partnerships with school districts, schools and ESDs have led to both improvements in WAGAP and in our admissions communications and processes overall.
- For those students who may not wish to pursue a bachelor's degree, we are able to let them know that if or when they are ready, we are ready for them.
- Our outreach in 11th grade is having an impact. In 2024-25 we have experienced a dramatic increase in communications from students and families in the 11th grade preparing to be WAGAP eligible when they are in the 12th grade.

2022-23

- 30,321 11th grade letters
- 14,296 12th grade guaranteed admission letters

2023-24

- 47,004 11th grade letters
- 23,711 12th grade guaranteed admission letters

2024-25

- 41,459 11th grade letters*
- 21,402 12th grade guaranteed admission letters*

What's Next

Leverage WAGAP Marketing Campaign for General Admissions

Engaged with WISPC to streamline data sharing

Communications with WAGAP and WA Grant

Development of high school transcript digitized files

Collaboration with the HSBP

Resources and Contacts



- [WAGAP Student and Family Website](#)
- [WAGAP Administrative Website](#)

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