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The Northshore School District is excited to share that Northshore School District and the District's six middle schools earned College Bound's Gold Star Award for their efforts in encouraging students to sign up for the College Bound program.

A photo is attached for your use.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

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## **Northshore Schools and District Awarded Gold Star by College Bound Scholars Program**

Bothell, Wash. – For the second year in a row, Northshore School District earned the District Gold Star Award for its effort in encouraging eligible students to sign up for the College Bound program. The Gold Star Award was granted because 85% of eligible Northshore eighth graders signed up for the College Bound program, which is above the state average of 72%. Schools were also recognized with Gold Star Awards including: Canyon Park, Kenmore, Leota, Northshore, Skyview and Timbercrest middle schools.

Two hundred fifty-two eligible Northshore eighth grade students completed the College Bound application. With this submission, students have an early commitment of state funding for tuition, which is intended to alleviate the financial barriers preventing students from considering college as a possibility. To receive this early commitment of state funding, eligible students must sign up in middle school, by the end of their eighth grade year. In combination with other state aid, the scholarship covers tuition at public college rates, some fees, and a small book allowance. To receive the scholarship, students must enroll in an eligible college within one year of high school graduation.

The College Bound Scholarship was established in 2007 by the Washington State Legislature to provide state financial aid to low-income students who may not consider college a possibility due to the cost. The College Bound Scholarship is designed to inspire and encourage Washington middle school students from low-income families to prepare for and pursue post secondary education.

The Washington Student Achievement Council administers the College Bound Scholarship program. For more information, visit their [website](#).

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