## **Building Equitable Pathways to Graduation and Post-School Success**

### Special Education Career & Technical Education (CTE) Secondary Education & Pathway Preparation



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### **Equity Statement**

Each student, family, and community possesses strengths and cultural knowledge that benefits their peers, educators, and schools.

Ensuring educational equity:

- Goes beyond equality; it requires education leaders to examine the ways current policies and practices result in disparate outcomes for our students of color, students living in poverty, students receiving special education and English Learner services, students who identify as LGBTQ+, and highly mobile student populations.
- Requires education leaders to develop an understanding of historical contexts; engage students, families, and community representatives as partners in decision-making; and actively dismantle systemic barriers, replacing them with policies and practices that ensure all students have access to the instruction and support they need to succeed in our schools.



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## **Our Problem of Practice**

Over 25% of students with disabilities in Washington state are not engaged in any post-secondary activities one year after leaving high school.

Source: <u>CCTS Indicator B14 Post-School Outcome Report, 2018-19 - PDF</u>. (2021, January 20). Seattle:

Center for Change in Transition Services.



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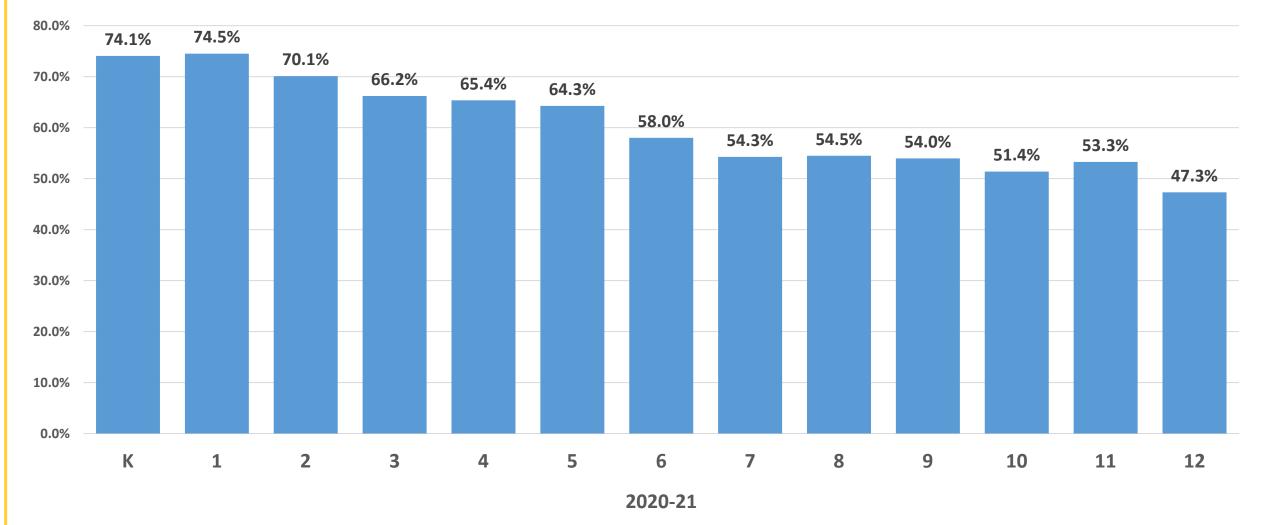
## State Special Education Snapshot

	All PreK-12 Students	Students with Disabilities	Black Students with Disabilities
2020 PreK-12 Student Enrollment	1,095,125	147,202	8,173
2020 PreK LRE (Indicator B-6A)	N/A	21.0%	20.6%
2020 K-12 LRE1, 80-100% general ed	N/A	60%	49%
2019-20 Kindergarten Readiness (WaKIDS)	51.5%	22.4%	14.4%
2020 Graduation	83%	64.5%	55.6%
2020 Drop-out	8.5%	12.0%	17.4%
2018-19 Post-School Outcomes	N/A	72.1%	73.4%



Sources: OSPI. (2021). <u>State Report Card; November Child Count and LRE Report; Data Performance Profile</u>.

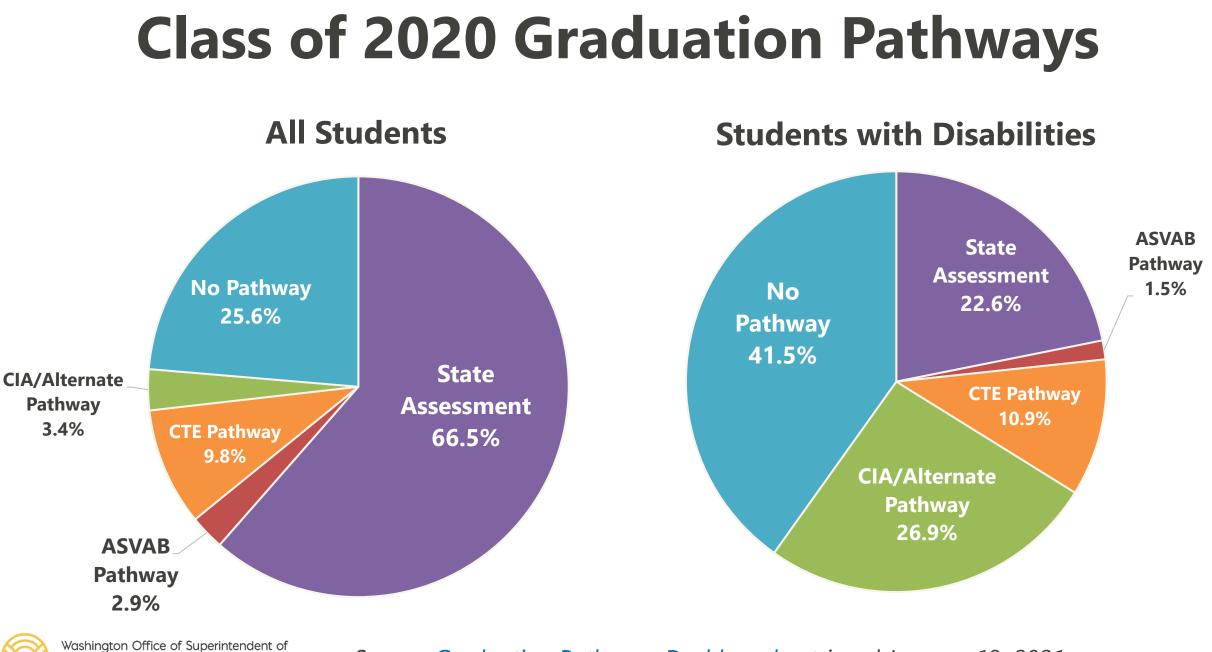
### 2020-21 Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) 80-100% in General Education, by Grade Level





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Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. (2021). <u>Special Education Federal LRE and Child Count Data</u>. 6



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Source: Graduation Pathways Dashboard, retrieved January 19, 2021.

## **The Realities Today**





Only 50% of students eligible for DDA connect to employment services after exiting high school.

(DDA SQL 35155 CR 9/13/21)

Approximately 67% of students eligible for DDA who receive employment supports are employed one year after exit.

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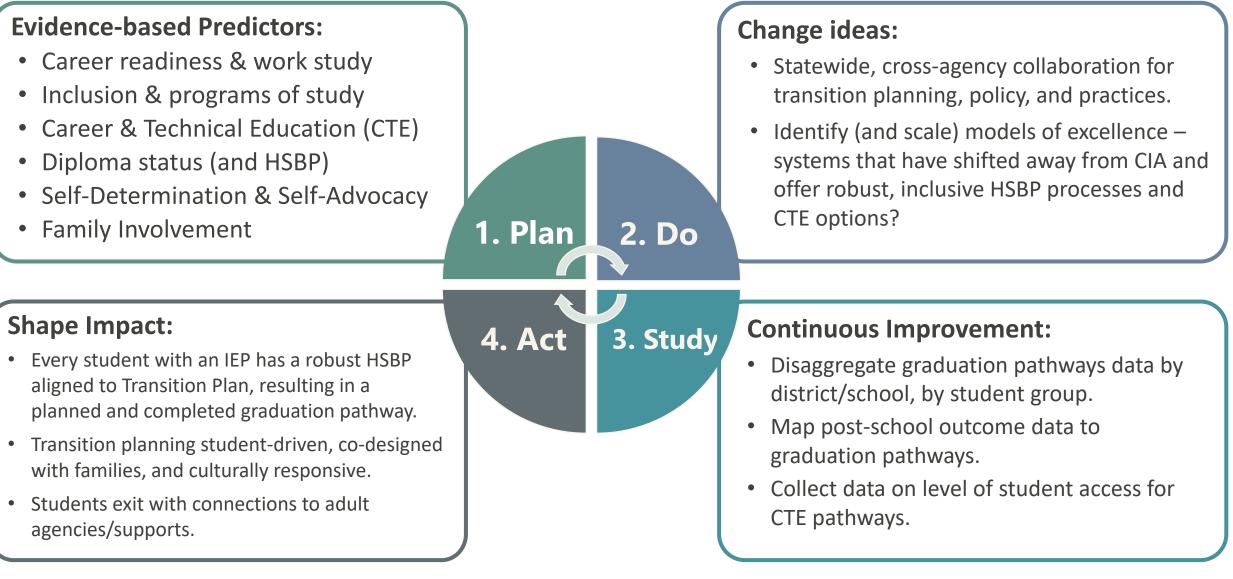
When a County has a School To Work program, there is a 23% higher employment rate than communities without (71% vs 48%).

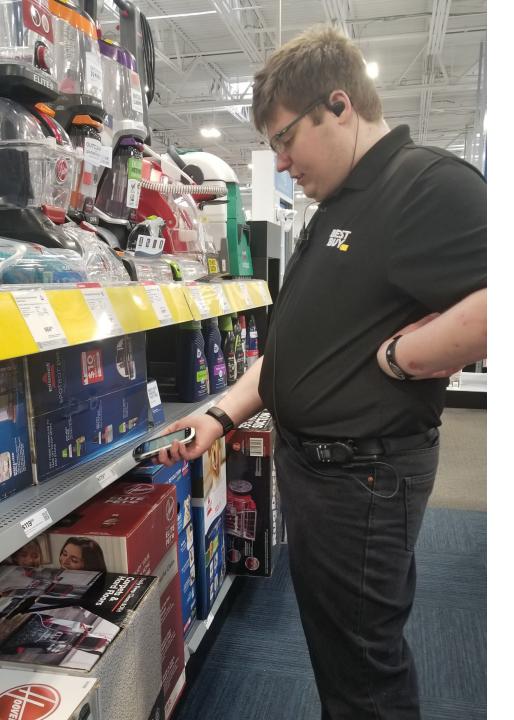
(DDA SQL 35155 CR 9/13/21)



### **Fishbone: Barriers to Post-School Engagement** Environment People Measures Access to SpecEd & CTE data Knowledge of post-school supports Segregated settings ------Limited IEP Progress Monitoring ------Lack of access to CTE ------CTE not always on IEP team Focus on compliance vs outcomes -----Low expectations for students with IEPs Behavioral support needs ------POP: 25% of Students with Disabilities are not engaged in post-secondary activities one year after leaving high school. AT/Tech access needs ------Limited transition assess/curric. Transition training needs ----Transportation needs -----> Funds needed for adaptive materials ------Differentiation training needs -----> afety training/support needs ------Funds needed for job coaching ------> Students/Families need info -----> Equipment Methods **Materials** Washington Office of Superintendent of

## **OSPI Strategic Goals & Graduation Pathways**





*"We have watched John become more confident and mature since having his job. He has his own routine, relationships and paycheck." - John's parents* 

John has been able to maintain paid employment while receiving his school transition services, and through Covid-19. John was able to gain valuable work experience while building his life and academic skills with his school team.

Let's make this the norm, not the exception requiring unique and proactive partnerships from family, schools, adult service providers and state agencies.

## Indicator At-A-Glance: Secondary Transition

### (Indicators B-1, B-2, B-13, and B-14)

#### Indicator B1: Graduating with a regular high school diploma.

#### Measurement:

Percent of youth with IEP's graduating from high school with a regular diploma in 4 years.

#### Indicator Goal:

The goal of Indicator B1 is to improve the graduation rate of students with disabilities. Washington has a gap between the graduation rate of students with and without disabilities. This document can help determine if there is a graduation gap in a district and to identify resources that can help to close that gap.

#### Calculation Example Using State Data

Basis of Exit (State Data)	SY1617	SY1718	SY1819	SY1920
Graduated with Regular High School Diploma	5692	5880	6588	6529
Reached Maximum Age	12	23	28	30
Dropped Out	2782	2904	3042	2275
% of Exiters who Graduated with Regular High School Diploma	67.1%	66.8%	68.2%	73.9%

#### IMPROVING YOUR RESULTS

- ~ What factors led to students completing high school in four years? Were similar strategies and procedures in place for all students with disabilities?
- Is the most appropriate curriculum for each student being implemented?
- ~ How can districts work with younger students to ensure that the proper course of study is being followed and necessary credits are being earned toward graduation?

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Are my district's data accurate? Your data are taken from the information the district entered into CEDARS. Remember: SPP/APR Graduation data is always one year behind. The 2020-2021 report includes 2019-2020 graduates.
- What are the graduation requirements for earning a high school diploma? Refer to OSPI's Graduation webpage which includes information on graduation requirements for each class/cohort.
- What about students who receive transition services beyond age 18? A student's IEP team may determine that it is in the best interest of the student to continue with services and therefore, not graduate as part of the cohort.

RESOURCES

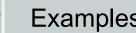
- OSPI Graduation Webpage
- Quality Indicators for Secondary Transition (QuIST) self-assessment tool
- Center for Change in Transition Services (CCTS, a State Needs Project)



### **Definitions & Measures**



### Accessing & Analyzing Data



### **Examples**



### **Improvement Activities**



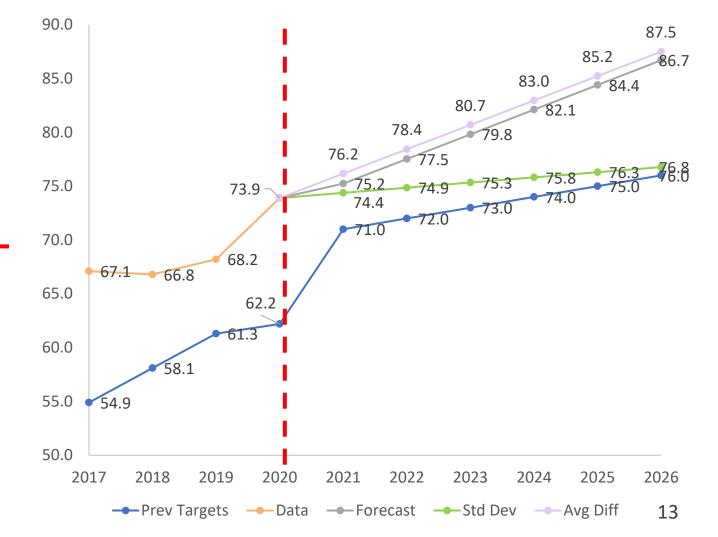
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### **Frequently Asked Questions**

### Resources

## Students Who Exited with a Regular High School Diploma (Indicator B1)

	Prev			Std Dev	Avg Diff
Timeline	Targets	Data	Forecast	(2.88/6)	(2.27)
2017	54.9	67.1			
2018	58.1	66.8			
2019	61.3	68.2			
2020	62.2	73.9	73.9	73.9	73.9
2021	71		75.2	74.4	76.2
2022	72		77.5	74.9	78.4
2023	73		79.8	75.3	80.7
2024	74		82.1	75.8	83.0
2025	75		84.4	76.3	85.2
2026	76		86.7	76.8	87.5



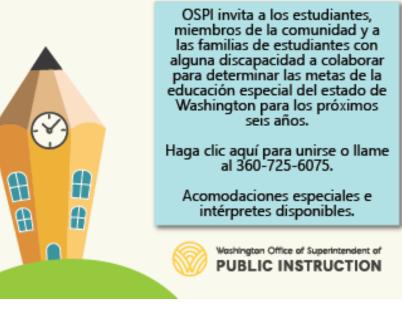
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## Special Education State Design Team & Systemic Equity Review

OSPI Special Education is working with the National Center for Systemic Improvement to engage education partners, students, community members, and families to help set Washington state's special education targets for the next six years.

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## HSBPs & Monitoring: 2021 WISM and Safety Net

## High School & Beyond Plan (HSBP) Overview

- Student-generated
- Student-facing
- Starts in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- State graduation requirement



Every student must have a HSBP to guide the student's high school experience and prepare the student for postsecondary education or training and career

(ESHB 2224, Chapter 31, Laws of 2017).



## WAC 180-51-220 (4) High school and beyond plan.

• "For a student with an individualized education program (IEP), the student's IEP and high school and beyond plans must align".

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- "Students with an IEP transition plan...may use their transition plan in support of, but not as a replacement for, their high school and beyond plan"
- "The process for developing and updating the student's high school and beyond plans **must** be similar to and conducted with similar school personnel as for all other students".

WAC 180-51-220 (4)



## 2021-22 WISM & Safety Net: HSBPs



All students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above <u>must</u> include a HSBP submitted.

\*\*For Safety Net, if there is no HSBP included, a 15% award reduction in safety net funds will be made.



Files selected in the IEP review sample for students 9th grade and above will have the HSBP reviewed and TA notes will be provided if applicable.



Those TA notes WILL NOT generate a 442 finding this year.



LEAs will need to be prepared to submit a HSBP for all applicable students for Safety Net and WISM in <u>2022-23</u>. HSBP's will be reviewed for the 4 areas in the IEP Review Form.



## What will be reviewed during WISM & Safety Net?

High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP)RCW 28A.230.090

For students with an IEP, the high school and beyond plan must be developed in alignment with their IEP. The high school and beyond plan must be developed in a similar manner and with similar school personnel as for all other students.

<ul> <li>a. If the student is in 9th grade or above, was a HSBP provided? If no, move to section 8.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>a. Does the HSBP include at least:</li> <li>career goals (aided by a skill and interest assessment),</li> <li>educational goals, and,</li> <li>a course of study?</li> </ul>
a. Are the career goals, educational goals and course of study in the HSBP aligned with the IEP Transition Plan?
a. Does the HSBP outline how the student will satisfy state and local graduation requirements?

The areas above are included in the IEP Review Form



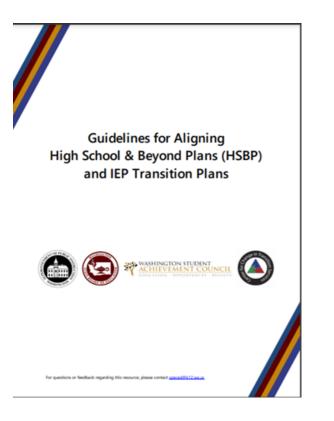
### Our Call to Action (or, What Keeps Us Up At Night...)

- Fast implementation timeline for graduation pathways, paired with a lack of system readiness for ending the CIA alternative.
- Students with disabilities continue to experience limited access to robust HSBP activities and graduation pathways.
- COVID has presented enormous barriers for transition planning, work readiness and placement, and agency linkages.
- Requests for graduation (i.e., CIA) and CTE pathways "just for students with disabilities."
- Challenges with accessing real-time, local data on graduation pathways.





### <u>Guidelines for Aligning High School & Beyond Plans</u> (HSBPs) and IEP Transition Plans



- Appendix A: The Transition Team Members and Roles
- Appendix B: Sample HSBP and IEP Transition Plans
  - Case Study of a 10<sup>th</sup> grader using a CTE Course Sequence (Webinar)
  - Case Study of an Adult Student using the WA-AIM (Webinar)
- Appendix C: Highschool Education and Training Opportunities
- Appendix D: Post-Secondary Education and Training Opportunities
- Appendix E: Post-Secondary Employment Options
- Appendix F: Post-Secondary Outcomes (Indicators 1, 2, 13, and 14)
- Appendix G: IEP Transition Planning Checklist for Educators
- Appendix H: Transition Planning Checklist for Students
- Appendix I: Transition-Planning Resources



## **IEP Review Form In Action**

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Case Study:
Adult Student
using WA-AIM

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### IEP teams can support customizing and differentiating the HSBP experience to support student progress and engagement in the HSBP process.



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Name: Kaleb George	Date: Nov 2019			
Work Readiness Skills: Self-Assessment				
Directions: Put a check under "I got it" or "	Incedmore practice	for each skill.		
Work Readiness Skill		I need more practice		
1. Following directions	17			
2. Reading company rules	V	-		
3. Finding information on my own		1 C		
4. Asking for help	V	- C		
5. Listening to others	1/			
6. Set goals	V			
7. Be patient with others	V			
8. Have a positive attitude	V			
9. Offer help to others	V			
10.Motivate self to finish work		X		
11.Create and make a budget		X		
12.Lead a group or activity	1/			
13. Work with computers	V			
14.Use a business phone	V			
15.Manage money	V			

Name: Kaleb

#### 2/4/2020

Date:

### Challenges in the Classroom and Beyond

Directions: For each of the statements, mark the column that best describes you.

I have a hard time paying attention in class.	Yes	No	Sometimes
l am easily distracted by noises and movements.	Yes	No	Sometimes
It is difficult for me to learn new information when presented orally.	Yes	No	Sometimes
I need visuals or videos to help me follow a multi-step task.		No	Sometimes
It is difficult for me to participate in class discussions.	Yes	No	Sometimes
I am hesitant to join in group discussions in social or work settings.	Yes	No	Sometimes
I forget what I am supposed to do after instructions.		No	Sometimes
I have difficulty understanding what I read.	Yes	No	Sometimes
Reading out loud is embarrassing for me.	Yes O	No	Sometimes

### **CAREER GOALS – WHAT CAN I BECOME?**

What are some jobs and careers that match who you are and who you want to be? While a career interest assessment must be taken by 8th grade, different assessments can be taken at any time to guide your next steps as your interests and career aspirations change.

### **MY TOP CAREERS OF INTEREST:**

1. Office Professional

3. Stocker

2. Courtesy Clerk

4.

### **EDUCATION GOALS AND PLAN – HOW DO I BECOME THAT?**

What education or training do you need – both during and after high school – to prepare for your career interest(s)? For students who are also served by an IEP, HSBP goals need to align with the IEP transition plan goals.

### **MY EDUCATIONAL GOALS**

#### MY TOP POST-HIGH SCHOOL GOAL

- On-the-job training: in an office setting with supports. (See IEP Transition Plan)
- □ Apprenticeship
- □ Military (enlist)

#### MY BACK-UP POST-HIGH SCHOOL GOAL

- On-the-job training: in a warehouse setting with supports
- □ Apprenticeship
- □ Military (enlist)



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(IEP)

- a. Does the HSBP include at least:
- career goals (aided by a skill and interest assessment),
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#### **MY ACADEMIC COURSE PLANNER**

(EP)

**Directions:** List the courses you have taken (or plan to take) each year in high school. Pay attention to local/state graduation requirements and admission requirements for post-high school options of interest.

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SUBJECT AREA	GR 9	GR 10	GR 11	GR 12	12 Plus	
English Credits required for Graduation = 4	Applied Communications (1.0)	Applied Communications (1.0)	Academic Work (1.0)	Employment Literacy (1.0)		
Mathematics Credits required for Graduation = 3	Personal Finance (0.5)	Personal Finance (0.5)	Pre-Vocational Training (0.5)	Pre-vocational Training (0.5)	Transition Services (1.0)	
<b>Science</b> Credits required for Graduation = 3	Applied Life Science (1.0)	Applied Science (1.0)		Applied Earth Science (1.0)		
<b>Social Studies</b> Credits required for Graduation = 3		World Studies (1.0)	US History (1.0)	Civics (0.5) Psychology (0.5)		
Health and Fitness Credits required for Graduation = 2	Success Oriented PE (0.5)	Creative Dance (1.0)	Core PE (0.5) Health (0.5)			
* <b>Arts</b> or PPR Credits required for Graduation = 1	Arts/Crafts (1.0)	Success Oriented Music (0.5)	Drawing and Painting (0.5)			
*World Language or PPR Credits required for Graduation =			Career Development (1.0)		PPR: Transition Courses (1.0)	
Career Technical - CTE Credits required for Graduation = 1	Career Awareness (1.0)					
<b>General Electives</b> Credits required for Graduation = 4	Advisory (0.25)	Advisory (0.25)	Advisory (0.25)	Advisory (0.25) Developmental Learning (1.0)	Transition Services	
TOTAL CREDITS: 22	5.25	5.25	5.25	4.75		

### **IEP Postsecondary Education Goal:**

Upon leaving public school, Kaleb will receive on- the-job training in an office setting

### IEP Postsecondary Employment Goal: -

Upon leaving public school Kaleb will obtain work in an office setting, with job coaching supports

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### Kaleb's Graduation Pathway





#### **MY GRADUATION PATHWAY(S)**

Students must complete at least one Graduation Pathway that will help prepare you for the post-high school option you plan to pursue. Use this section of your HSBP to keep track of which graduation pathway(s) you meet. You may combine different ELA (E) and math (M) options.

□ ACT and/or □ SAT	Math Score =		Date		" Score =		Date	
	Math Score =		Date I	"ELA	" Score =		Date I	
□ ASVAB (AFQT Score) * Only ASVAB scores from the student's jr, and/or sr. year are valid for military entrance/ enlistment	Student's AFQT Score = Date Taken Jr. Year* Sr. Year* Posted AFQT Score Date of Posted Score [updated on SBE website by 9/1 annually]							
CTE Course Sequence [Does <u>not</u> need to meet specific standards for ELA and/or math; 2.0 total credits minimum]	Course #1 Credit Course #2	СТЕ	Program					
	Credit CTE Program Course #3							
	Credit Course #4	СТЕ	Program					
	Credit	CTE	Program					
<ul> <li>Dual Credit Class (E)</li> <li>Dual Credit Class (M)</li> </ul>	Course Course		Gra Gra		 			
□ Dual Credit Exam (E) □ Dual Credit Exam (M)	Exam Score Exam Score							
□ SBA / ⊠WA-AIM (check which one)	⊠ Math Score 146 ⊠ ELA Score 162							
□ Transition Course (E)	Course College (articu	lation ag	Gra greement)	<sub>de</sub>				
□ Transition Course (M)	Course Grade College (articulation agreement)							

What is your post-school goal? How is your chosen Graduation Pathway(s) preparing you? My goal is to obtain supported employment in an office setting. My high school diploma and IEP goals will help me obtain a paid position and give me the skills needed to work in an office setting

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## **Quality HSBPs: Outcomes**



Students make **informed class choices** related to post-high school goals

Result of increased collaboration between Special Services and School Counselors or Academic Advisors

Students are empowered to be active members of their transition planning process, seeing a stronger connection between the work they do and preparing to reach their goals for after school

Students are **prepared to pursue a post-high school goal that's meaningful** to who they want to be and what they want to do

Schools are more aware and responsive to students' interests, goals, and needs

• HSBP data informs master scheduling and program development to better meet students' interests



### **Appendix B:** Sample High School and Beyond Plan and Aligned IEP Transition Plan



10<sup>th</sup> Grader using a CTE Pathway

# High School and Beyond Planning for a 10<sup>th</sup> grader with disabilities using a CTE Course Sequence

SUBJECT AREA	GR 9	GR 10	GR 11	GR 12
English Credits required for Graduation = 4	English 9 (1.0)	English 10 (1.0)	English 11 (1.0)	Creative Writing (1.0)
Mathematics Credits required for Graduation = 3	Algebra I (1.0)	Geometry (1.0)	Algebra II (1.0)	
Science Credits required for Graduation = 3	Physical Science (1.0)	Biology (1.0)		AP Computer Science Principles (1.0)
Social Studies Credits required for Graduation = 3		World History (1.0)	US History (1.0)	Civics (0.5) Psychology (0.5)
Health and Fitness Credits required for Graduation = 2	PE (0.5) Health (0.5)	Fitness for Life (1.0)		
*Arts or PPR Credits required for Graduation = 2*	Visual Communications (1.0)	Media Arts/Web Design Technology (1.0)		
*World Language or PPR Credits required for Graduation = 2*			Commercial Art (1.0)	CAD Drafting and Design (1.0)
Career Technical - CTE Credits required for	Graphic Design (1.0)			
Graduation = 1 General Electives Credits required for Graduation = 4	Advisory (0.25)	Advisory (0.25)	Advisory (0.25) Yearbook 1 (1.0) Computer Application (1.0)	Advisory (0.25) Yearbook II (1.0) Personal Finance (1.0)
TOTAL CREDITS: 24	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25

- Sherrie's goal for after graduation is to become a graphic designer or computer programmer
- Meaningful course selection tied to her goals for career preparation end exploration for each of her career interests
- CTE equivalencies free up schedule space for more electives and also meet subject area graduation requirements



### **Resources to Support Students with Disabilities in CTE**

<u>Center for Change in Transition Services (CCTS) Inclusionary Practices Project</u> As part of OSPI's <u>Inclusionary Practices Project</u>, CCTS is supporting partnerships between Special Education and Career Technical Education (CTE) classrooms.

<u>Guidelines for Aligning Highschool & Beyond Plans and IEP Transition Plans</u> Provides general information and guidelines to educators, staff and administrators to facilitate a student's seamless transition from school to post-secondary activities.



Case Study: HSBP and IEP Transition Plan for a 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Using a CTE Graduation Pathway



HSBP and IEP Transition Plan Case Study: CTE Pathway Webinar



## How to Learn More and Get Support

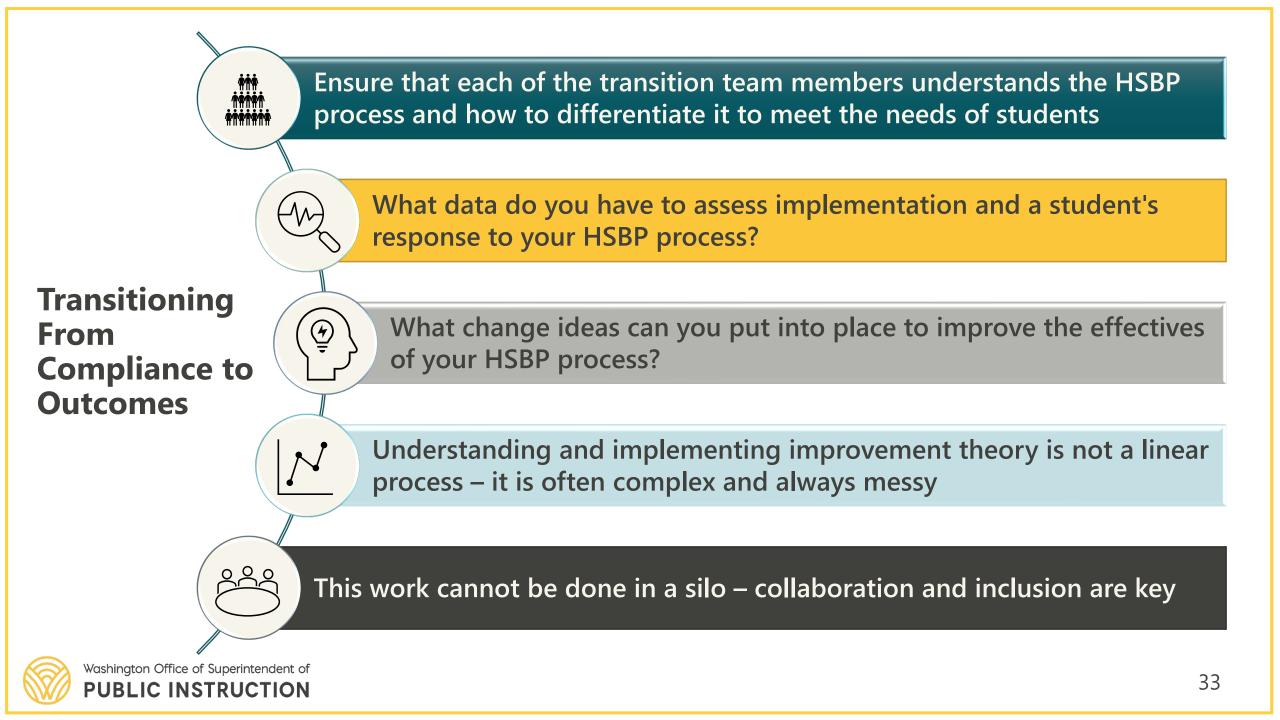
### OSPI Secondary Transition Web Page

- Guidelines for Aligning Highschool and Beyond Plans & IEP Transition Plans
- Technical Assistance and Data Resources

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