



12th Grade Fall Student-Led Conferences & High School & Beyond Plan (HSBP)

In the 12th grade, the HSBP is focused on **activating your plan** and keeping your options open by **completing financial aid**.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

- District Financial Aid events (attend any!)
 - Please visit <https://www.highlineschools.org/departments/college-career-readiness/getting-to-graduation/senior-success> for updated event info and resources

Activating Your Plan:

Milestones for senior year:

1. Develop and finalize a list of post-secondary choices.
2. Apply to post-secondary programs or institutions.
3. Prepare a financial plan and apply for financial aid.
4. Complete all high school graduation requirements.
5. Graduate!

Check out our [Senior Success webpage](#) for more resources

Your student should apply to at least three colleges, one from within each of these three categories:

- Reach - You might not get in, but it's worth applying because you really want to go.
- Solid - You're a competitive applicant and will likely be accepted.
- Safety - You'll definitely get accepted, and it's a backup in case the others don't work out.

*Post-secondary options include: 2-year Colleges, 4-year Colleges & Universities, Apprenticeships, Career & Technical Colleges, Employment, Military/National Service. Explore some of these post-secondary options [more](#).

Financial Aid

You and your child should complete and submit either the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA®\)](#) or the [Washington Application for State Financial Aid \(WASFA\)](#). Both applications are available starting in December. You should complete this step as soon as possible.

REMINDER: File the FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>) if your child is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Students who do not meet these eligibility requirements should file the WASFA (<https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa>). If you are unsure, you can complete the WASFA Eligibility Questionnaire (<https://wsac.wa.gov/WASFAelig>) to help you determine which application to complete.

The High School & Beyond Plan (HSBP) is a Washington State graduation requirement. In Highline Public Schools, the High School & Beyond Plan is a sequence of lessons and experiences delivered by dedicated, knowledgeable staff. The HSBP is a meaningful, individualized plan that is grounded in students' interests, strengths, and hopes for their future. Through deeper, structured conversations with caring adults and real world experiences, students stay engaged, on-track toward graduation, and are prepared for success after high school.

Related to HSBP, 12th grade students should:

- Continue to cultivate a positive attitude towards work and learning
- Have self-confidence in their ability to succeed and a belief in using abilities to their fullest to achieve high-quality results and outcomes
- Foster creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration
- Keep their post-secondary options* open by applying to **financial aid** (application opens December)
- Identify a plan for **post-secondary goals** and activating that plan by applying/enrolling/enlisting.

Students will be required to report income and tax information from an earlier tax year or prior-prior year. For example, on the 2023-24 FAFSA/WASFA, students—and their parent(s), as appropriate—will report their 2021 income and tax information. Because you will have already done your taxes by the time you fill out your FAFSA, you may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) to automatically import your tax information into your FAFSA. See more information at: <https://studentaid.gov/resources>

Filing early is holding your child’s place in line for financial aid. The sooner you get in line, the likelier it is that you’ll be awarded aid. Filing early – before your taxes are complete – helps ensure that your child has access to as much financial aid funds as is possible. Students need to file for financial aid every year they are in college. Confused? Get help and stop by your College Career Center and/or your School Counselor!

Things you can do as a parent/guardian:

Senior Student Checklist

- Complete all HSBP [tasks](#)!
- Meet with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and/or review your Senior Status Letter.
- Research the admission and the financial aid offices at the colleges you are interested in attending. What are the admissions requirements? When are the deadlines? Are there fees? What forms do the financial aid offices require?
- Register for the October/November SAT, ACT, and SAT Subject Tests™ if needed for the colleges.
- Prepare and submit your applications on time if you want to apply for early action or early admission.
- Ask your teachers/mentors to begin writing recommendation letters. Also, keep copies of all forms you mail.
- Work with your registrar to get your official transcript to each college.
- Submit your FAFSA or WASFA as soon as possible after December.

Family Checklist

- Sign up for the [Scoop eNewsletter\(s\)](#) if you are **not already receiving it**. Receive alerts of upcoming events and college and career resources directly to your inbox!
- Help your child get organized. Create a calendar with your child. This should include application deadlines and other important dates.
- Help your child decide about applying early. If your senior is set on going to a certain college, he or she should think about whether applying early is a good option. Now is the time to decide because early applications are usually due in November.
- Attend school and district events/opportunities to help your student complete college applications and/or financial aid.
- Work together to apply for financial aid. The earlier you apply, the better.
- Learn about college loan options together. Borrowing money for college can be a smart choice — especially if your high schooler gets a low-interest federal loan. Be cautious; learn about loan options and a parent's role in borrowing money.



Scan the QR code to view this document electronically to access the linked resources.or visit:
<https://www.highlineschools.org/departments/college-career-readiness/getting-to-graduation/high-school-and-beyond-plan/student-led-conference-family-resources>

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