

Washington Network for Innovative Careers

Preparatory College & Career Education

WANIC Skill Center Full Year Overview



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No Tuition
3 High School Credits
College Credit
available

WANIC

Meets state CTE
graduation
pathway
requirement

APPLY at
WANIC.ORG

Serving high school students from these school districts:
Bellevue, Issaquah, Lake Washington, Mercer Island, Northshore, Riverview, & Snoqualmie Valley

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- WANIC Consortium serves Northeast King County
- 7 school districts and 30+ high schools
- Advanced CTE (career & technical education)
- 3.0 High School credits per year
- 20+ Skill Center programs across 9 locations



Sending Districts/Schools of the WANIC Consortium

Northshore

Lake Washington

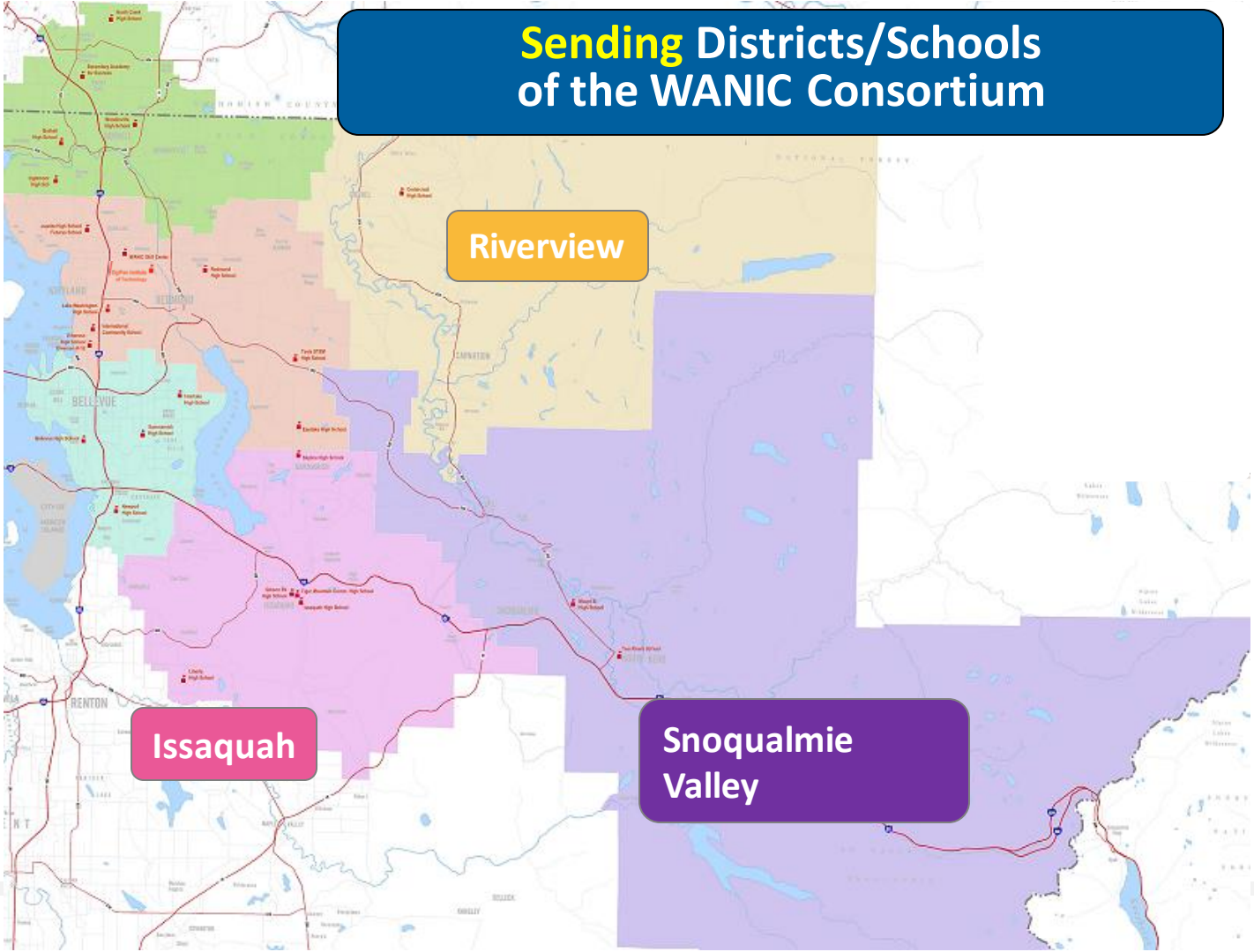
Bellevue

Mercer Island

Riverview

Issaquah

Snoqualmie Valley



WANIC Skill Center Programs

Full Year

- Two semesters (3 HS credits)
- Preparatory
- Open to high school juniors and seniors



What's in it for Students?

- Career pathway experience
- Preparation for employment and college
- Advanced skills training
- State-of-the-art equipment
- CTE graduation pathway fulfilled
- Dual Credit (high school and college credit)
- College credit and/or industry certifications
- Options to continue in 2-year and 4-year colleges
- Student leadership opportunities
- Experienced instructors supported by Advisory Committees



Eligibility Requirements for Full Year Applicants



- Registered at a WANIC Consortium high school
- Junior or Senior standing *
- Approval from high school Career Specialist
- On track to graduate at home high school
- Some programs require an information session
- Some programs have pre-requisites
- April 15th is priority application deadline
- Must provide your own, reliable transportation



*10th grade students may be considered for some programs

Expectations for success in a WANIC program

- Show up to every class - attendance is critical!
- Complete daily homework/assignments
- Turn in all assignments on time
- Read college-level textbooks
- Practice technical writing
- Demonstrate hands-on skills
- Work independently and in teams
- Course expectations and more info at wanic.org



Important Considerations

- Half the school day spent in a different location than home high school
- Commitment and logistics – some classes start early (7:00 am) or end late (3:00 pm)
- Transportation, travel time, after school activities, family commitments, work
- Follow calendar and schedules of the receiving school district – often different than home high school and Running Start
- WANIC is NOT a Running Start program



Scheduling

WANIC
3 periods

Travel
period
& lunch

Home High School
2-3 periods

Home High School
2-3 periods

Travel
period
& lunch

WANIC
3 periods

- Students are expected to be in their WANIC class for the *full class time, every day.*
- Students need ample time to get to WANIC *safely, on time,* and with *enough time to eat* before their next class.



Important Considerations

ATTENDANCE

- Consistent attendance is a key predictor of success
- Can be a big challenge for many students
- Absences have significant impact!
- 1 day of WANIC = 3 days missed in a regular HS class
- Hands-on skills may not be reproduced after absence

Recommendation: Have a Transportation 'Plan A' and 'Plan B'... even 'Plan C' to get to class daily!



WHAT are the COSTS?

- There are no tuition costs!
- Some programs may have supplies/materials fees
- Financial assistance available - Barrier Reduction funds
- Any student in any Skill Center program may qualify for financial assistance if one or more of these apply:
 - Student receives Free/Reduced lunch at sending school
 - Family qualifies for another state-funded program
 - School Counselor confirms family has financial need



Support Services at WANIC

- WANIC partners with the student's support team from the sending high school to ensure a good fit and the program expectations are clear prior to enrollment.
 - IEP (Individual Education Plan) Special Education
 - 504 Accommodation Plans
 - MLL/ELL=Multilingual Learner/English Language Learner
- **Parents/Families: Connect with your school's support team (IEP case managers and counselors) if interested in WANIC programs.**



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Dual Credit high school and college



Don't forget!



- Students may earn college credit in addition to high school credit
- Apply for college credit and pay fee *before* end-of-year deadline
- Must earn a B grade or better for both semesters
- In summer, request dual credit college transcript at pnwcollegecredit.org
- WANIC/DigiPen students have opportunity to earn college credit toward DigiPen Institute of Technology
- Must declare intent for college credit at start-of-year

Registration Calendar for Full Year

February – Full Year Applications Open

March – Open House

April 15th – Priority Application Deadline. Applications **close** for programs in Bellevue, Issaquah & Northshore School Districts and for full programs in other locations

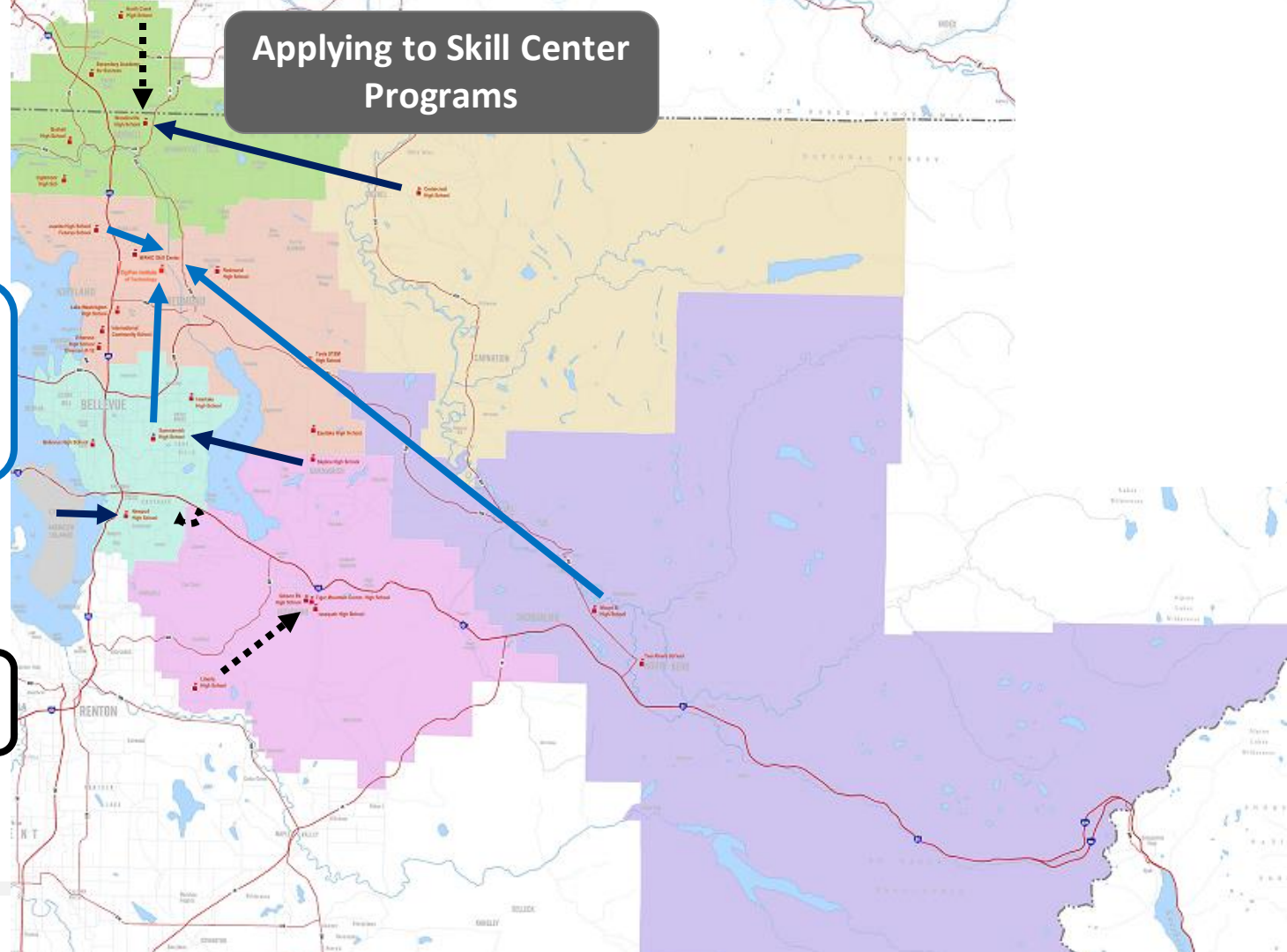
Applications for WANIC and DigiPen programs remain open until July, pending availability

Late April - Enrollment Begins

Visit wanic.org for details/updates



Applying to Skill Center Programs



✓
WANIC Application

→
Students Applying Across Districts
→
Any Students Applying to WANIC or DigiPen

✗
Not a WANIC Application

→
Students Applying Within Districts

WANIC overview: RESOURCES

WANIC Skill Center main office is located on the campus of LWTech -
the Lake Washington Institute of Technology
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Visit WANIC website for current information

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PNW college credit information: website <https://www.pnwcollegecredit.org/>

Course Expectations Guide: <https://wanic.lwsd.org/academics/course-catalog/course-expectations>



Program Information VIDEOS can be viewed at this link:
<https://wanic.lwsd.org/about-us/videos>

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