

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS



Steilacoom Historical School District gives students a strong head start on their future through multiple college and career readiness opportunities. These programs offer meaningful benefits, helping students save on college tuition, earn credits toward a degree, and gain valuable college-level experience. As students build real-world knowledge and skills, they also grow in confidence, making the transition to higher education and future career pathways smoother and more successful.

In the 2024-25 school year, over **97%** of SHS students completed a **dual credit course**.

College in the High School

This year, Steilacoom High School recorded 417 student registrations in College in the High School courses, representing a 39 percent increase compared to the 2024-25 school year. These opportunities allow students to earn college credit at no cost, reducing financial barriers for families and expanding equitable access to postsecondary learning. Through partnerships with Eastern Washington University and Central Washington University, Steilacoom Historical School District continues to increase free college credit options for students.

Advanced Placement

During the 2024-25 school year, SHS demonstrated continued success in Advanced Placement coursework. The AP exam pass rate increased from 74 percent to 75 percent, while 78 more exams were administered than in the previous year, reflecting expanded student participation alongside strong academic performance. In addition, Steilacoom High School earned the AP Silver Acorn Honor Roll distinction, improving from Bronze recognition in 2023.

Career & Technical Education

SHSD is actively working to revitalize its Career and Technical Education program by examining current labor market research and planning for the expansion of high-demand, career-aligned pathways in the coming years. During the 2025-26 school year, CTE course enrollment increased by approximately 18 percent, rising from 1,307 students in Fall 2024 to 1,545 students in Fall 2025. This growth reflects increased student interest, with many students enrolling in more than one CTE course.

We expanded access through more strategic programming of our CTE offerings. Notably, the addition of CTE coursework at the middle school level significantly increased participation and early exposure to career pathways. In 2025-26, Pioneer Middle School added Medical Detectives, a new course that directly feeds into the Health Sciences pathway at Steilacoom High School, strengthening alignment and long-term pathway development for students.

SHSD is excited to see how Career and Technical Education continues to expand and develop in the coming years, with additional opportunities on the horizon to further engage students and prepare them for future career and postsecondary success.