



High School and Beyond

Strategies for making
the most of high
school and being
college ready



What We Will Cover

- Graduation/college readiness requirements
- What colleges look at and consider
- Academic planning
- College-readiness timelines
- Running Start
- Resources

WA State Graduation Requirements



The Washington State
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minimum graduation requirements for WA:

- **24 Credits**
 - English – 4 credits
 - Math – 3 credits + Senior Year Math
 - Science – 3 credits (2 lab sciences)
 - World Language – 2 credits
 - Social Science – 3 credits
 - Arts – 2 credits (1 can be PPR)
 - Health & Fitness – 2 credits (.5 Health + 1.5 Fitness)
 - Career & Technical Education – 1 credit
 - Electives – 4 credits
- High School & Beyond Plan
- Graduation Pathway Option
- 60 hours of Service Learning (SPS)

17 CORE CREDITS

7 FLEXIBLE CREDITS

ENGLISH	SCIENCE	MATH	SOCIAL STUDIES	HEALTH & FITNESS	ARTS	CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION	ELECTIVES	PERSONALIZED PATHWAY (PPR) **
	1 Credit Class with Lab	1 Credit Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 1	1 Credit U.S. History and Government	0.5 Credit Health				ARTS
	1 Credit Class with Lab	1 Credit Geometry or Integrated Math 2	0.5 Credit Contemporary World History, Geography, and Problems	1.5 Credit Fitness				GLOBAL LANGUAGE
	1 Credit Based on Student's High School & Beyond Plan *	1 Credit Based on Student's High School & Beyond Plan *	0.5 Credit Civics					GLOBAL LANGUAGE
			1 Credit Social Studies Elective					
4 CREDITS	3 CREDITS	3 CREDITS	3 CREDITS	2 CREDITS	1 CREDIT	1 CREDIT	4 CREDITS	3 CREDITS

* Third credit of science or math can be substituted with Computer Science, but not both.

** Personalized pathway requirements (PPR) are electives in any subject that align with the student's High School & Beyond Plan. The arts and world language credits can be replaced with other electives.

Districts are authorized to waive up to two flexible credits of the 24-credit requirement for individual student circumstances.

What Colleges May Look At

Transcripts

Test Scores

Extracurriculars

Essays

Letters of Recommendation

- Personal/Teacher Letters of Recommendation
- Counselor Recommendation

College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs)



WA State CADRs

College Admission Standards are different from graduation requirements

English
4 credits

Math
*3 credits +
Senior Year Math*

Science
*3 credits
(2 lab sciences)*

World Language
*2 credits
(same language)*

Social Science
3 credits

Arts
1 credit



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HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Transcripts & GPA

Student Name: JANE MARIE DOE
Student ID: 2021001
Date of Birth: March 15, 2005
Address: 123 Main Street, Springfield, IL 62704

Graduation Date: May 24, 2023
Diploma Type: General Diploma
Date Issued: June 1, 2023

COURSE	CREDITS	GRADE
2019-2020 (Grade 9)		
English I	1.0	A
Algebra I	1.0	B+
Biology	1.0	A-
World History	1.0	B
Physical Education I	0.5	A
Spanish I	1.0	B+
Art Fundamentals	0.5	A
2020-2021 (Grade 10)		
English II	1.0	A-
Geometry	1.0	B
Chemistry	1.0	B+
U.S. History	1.0	A-
Physical Education II	0.5	A
Spanish II	1.0	B
Computer Applications	0.5	A
2021-2022 (Grade 11)		
English III	1.0	B+
Algebra II	1.0	A-
Physics	1.0	B
American Government	0.5	A
Economics	0.5	A
Spanish III	1.0	B+
Creative Writing	0.5	A-

COURSE	CREDITS	GRADE
2022-2023 (Grade 12)		
English IV	1.0	
Pre-Calculus	1.0	
Environmental Science	1.0	
U.S. Government	0.5	
Sociology	0.5	
Spanish IV	1.0	
Psychology	0.5	
Senior Seminar	0.5	

- Transcripts submitted include grades through Junior Year
- Senior Year schedule entered by student
- SPS uses unweighted GPA on transcripts (per state law)

CREDITS & GPA SUMMARY	
Total Credits Required for Graduation:	22.0
Total Credits Earned:	22.0
Weighted GPA:	3.67
Rank:	12 of class of 202
Class Size:	202

A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7

C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D	1.0
E	0.0

NOTES:
• Student was a member of the National Honor Society (2021-2023)
• Student lettered in Varsity Soccer (2019-2022) and Varsity Track (2021-2022)

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Academic Planning

Fit to Major

Broad, sustained,
appropriately rigorous

Intentional
Challenge



Progression

A Note Regarding Rigor

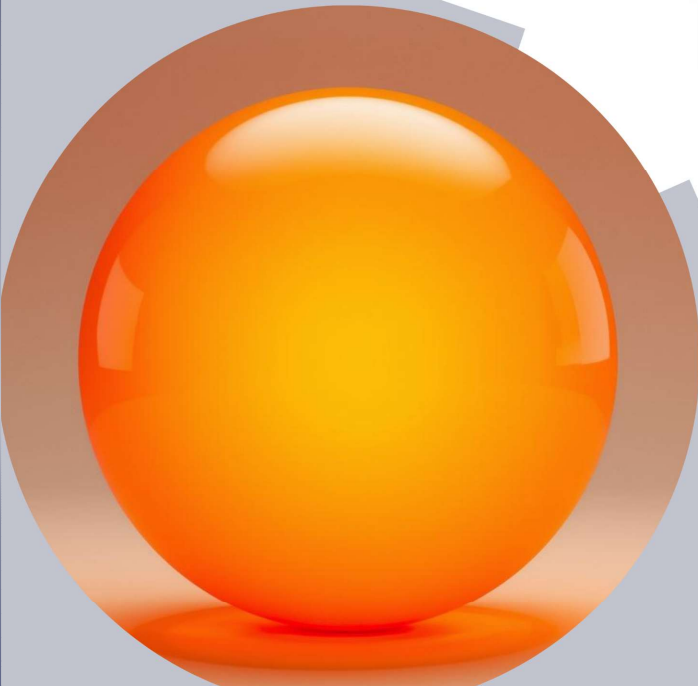
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Test Scores

Activities & Extracurriculars



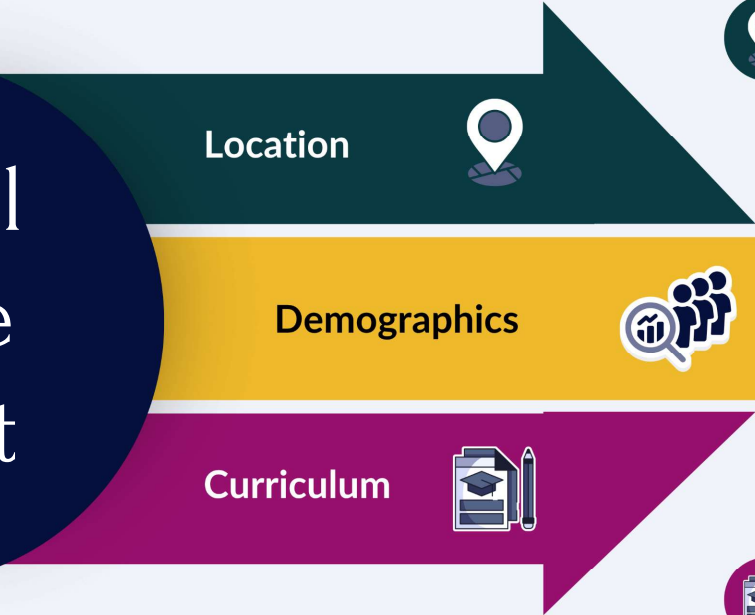


Spiky

vs.

Well-Rounded

School Profile Report



City
School District
Size of School/Enrollment



Gender
Race/Ethnicity
Free/Reduced Lunch
Post-Secondary Data
Average ACT/SAT scores



Graduation Requirements
AP/IB/Honors Classes
GPA Calculations

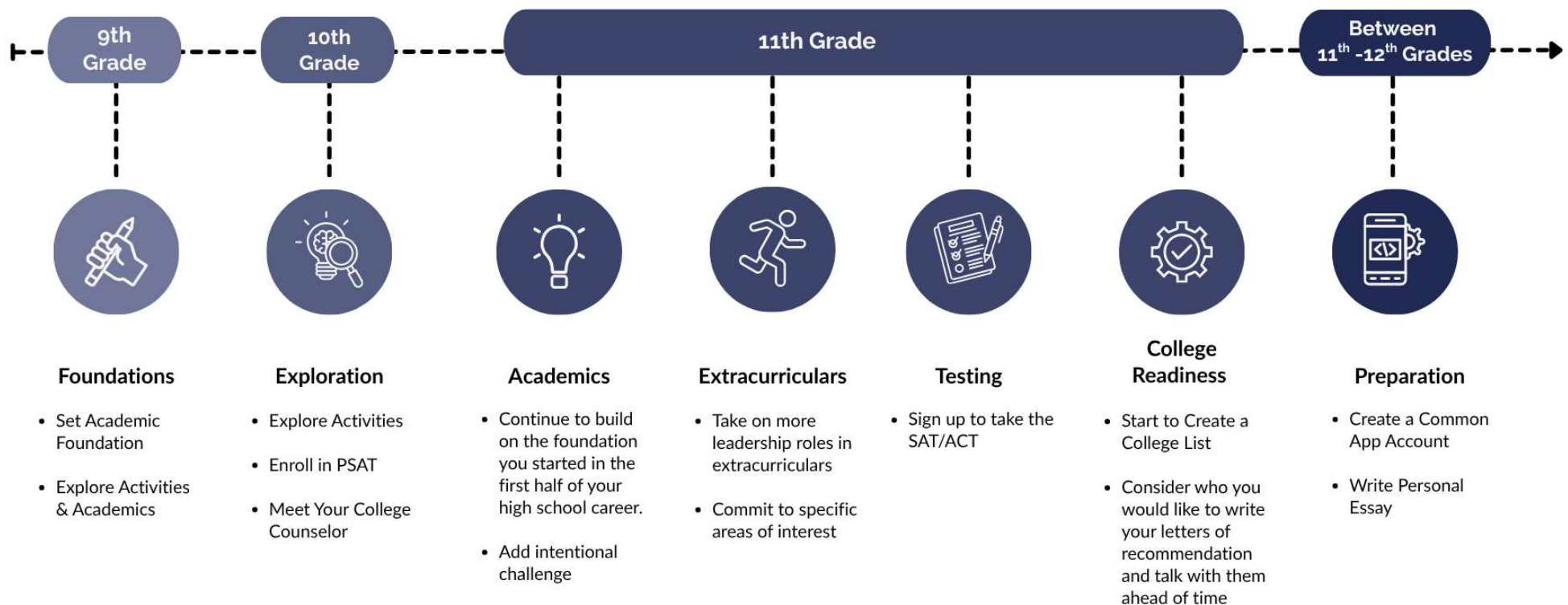
Nathan Hale

Ingraham

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High School College-Readiness Timeline



Senior Year Roadmap

Five Main Phases of the Senior Year Application Process



Academics

Continue to enroll in rigorous classes and keep your grades up. Some colleges will ask to see senior year grades.



College List

Finalize your college list. Consider financial, academic and social factors. Have a balanced list of target, likely, and reach schools.



Letters of Recommendation

Remind your writers about the letters of recommendation and provide them with a list of activities, interests, and academic achievements.



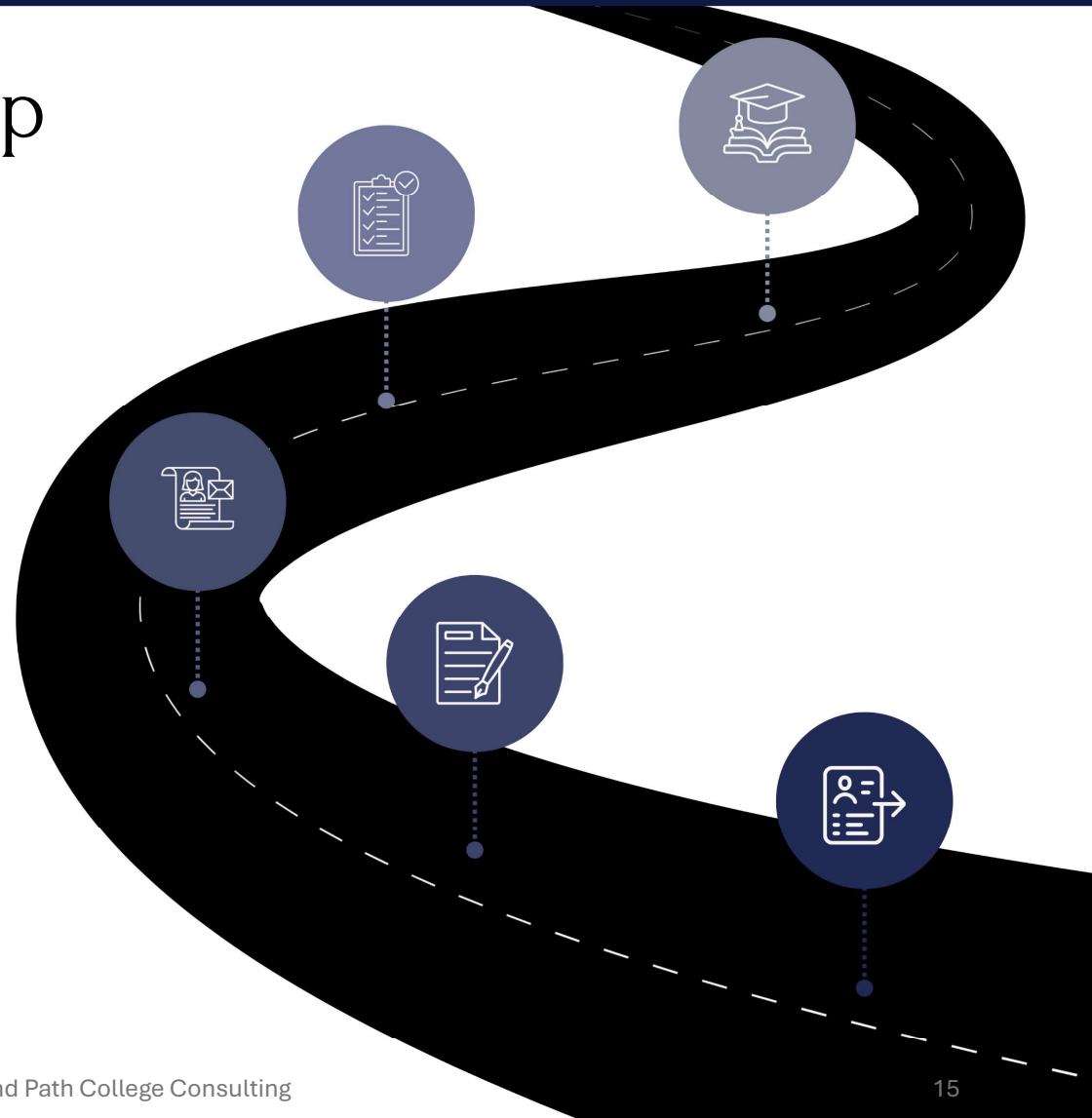
Essays

Finalize your Personal Statement and all supplemental essays. Set a timeline to complete all supplemental essays.



Submit Applications

Decide where you want to apply Early Action, Early Decision, and Regular Decision. Have your application ready to go before the deadline.

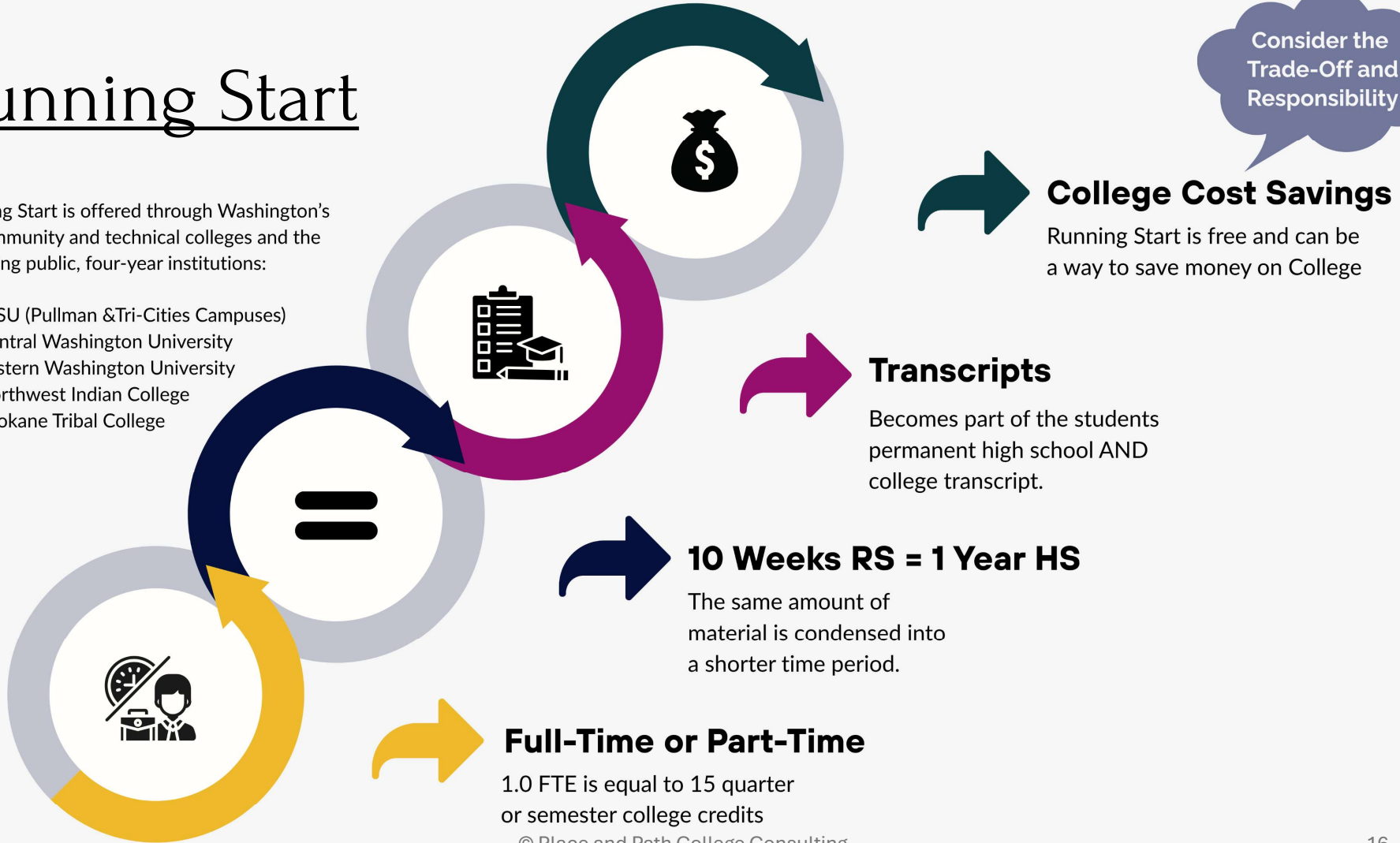


Running Start

Running Start is offered through Washington's 34 community and technical colleges and the following public, four-year institutions:

- WSU (Pullman & Tri-Cities Campuses)
- Central Washington University
- Eastern Washington University
- Northwest Indian College
- Spokane Tribal College

Consider the Trade-Off and Responsibility



Resources

College and
Career-Readiness Tool

Naviance



Any graduate of Seattle
Public Schools can earn
two tuition-free years of
college credit at:

- Seattle Central College
- North Seattle College
- South Seattle College

**Seattle
Promise**



Washington Guaranteed
Admissions Program
Requirements:

- 3.0+ GPA
- Completed CADR requirements

WAGAP



WAGAP Participating Colleges



Western
Washington
University



Eastern
Washington
University



University of
Washington
- Tacoma



The
Evergreen
State
College



Central
Washington
University



Washington
State
University -
All
campuses

Thank you!

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