



INCREASING POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT AMONG WASHINGTON STUDENTS

CASE STUDY: EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT



More than 740,000 job openings are coming to Washington state, most of which will be filled by workers with a post-high school credential, such as a degree, apprenticeship, or certificate. Raising the post-high school enrollment rate of Washington students offers the best opportunity to increase the rate at which they earn credentials that open doors to opportunity. An estimated 40 percent of Washington high school students complete a credential today.

Our Goal: make it 70 percent by the high school class of 2030.



WHERE EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCELS

High school students in Edmonds School District graduate at a higher rate than their peers statewide. They also enroll in post-high school education at much higher rates. Targeted supports, guidance, and partnerships are helping to drive this out-sized success.

BY THE NUMBERS

With more than 20,000 students enrolled in 34 schools, Edmonds School District is the 11th largest district in the state.

2017-2018	EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT	WASHINGTON STATE
WHITE STUDENTS	48%	54%
STUDENTS OF COLOR	52%	46%
LOW-INCOME STUDENTS	33%	42%
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	13%	12%

2016-2017 Data

CLASS OF 2017 FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATE	82%	79%
2016 DIRECT POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT RATE	71%*	59%*

Data Source: OSPI Washington State Report Card 2017-18
*ERDC High School Feedback Report (Classic), 2016

#1 POST-HIGH SCHOOL MINDSET

- The district and its high schools track key steps required for post-high school education, including completion of financial aid forms (FAFSA / WASFA) and admissions tests (PSAT, SAT, ACT).
- District is focused on enrollment growth in College in the High School, AP, and IB courses.
- High schools host college visits and postsecondary information sessions for families.
- Online tools support use of High School & Beyond Plan.

#2 ROBUST GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

- Career counselors begin working with students in middle school.
- On-time graduation and school-to-work coordinators are available at every high school.

#3 SUPPORTS FOR SYSTEMICALLY UNDERSERVED STUDENTS

- Targeted outreach encourages students to enroll in AP, IB, and College in the High School.
- Financial support for low-income students covers the cost of College in the High School, AP, IB, and PSAT test fees.

#4 STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- The district and college have defined a default course pathway for high school students aligned with college entrance and clear agreements on dual credit.
- Physical proximity supports partnership; the district office is next to the college.



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