

WASHINGTON

Guaranteed Admissions Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Washington's public four-year colleges and universities in partnership with our communities are committed to meeting the college and career goals of Washington students. Focused on increasing access and credential completion in Washington, participating Washington public, four-year college and universities launched the Washington Guaranteed Admission Program (WAGAP).

Participating public baccalaureate institutions developed this document to answer the most common questions about WAGAP. The document will be updated as additional issues and topics emerge.

This document does not provide legal guidance. If there are legal questions, an institution should reach out to the appropriate institutional legal contacts.

For this FAQ, the term **participating institutions** refers to Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, University of Washington Tacoma, Washington State University and Western Washington University.

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General Questions

What are Washington's Admission Standards?

The [state admission standards](#) set minimum admissions requirements for first-year, transfer, graduate, and professional students attending a public, four-year university or college. The Standards identify GPA, [coursework](#) and assessment requirements for each student category.

What is the Washington Guaranteed Admission Program (WAGAP)?

The Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program supports guaranteed admissions efforts at [Central Washington University](#), [Eastern Washington University](#), [The Evergreen State College](#), [University of Washington Tacoma](#), [Washington State University](#) and [Western Washington University](#).

Is this the first-time institutions have offered guaranteed admissions?

No. Many Washington public baccalaureate institutions have implemented guaranteed admission programs for years.

How does guaranteed admissions differ from general admissions?

Guaranteed admissions offers admission to a student and then requires the student to apply to the institution. General admissions requires a student to first apply to institution(s), and then a student may be offered admission.

What does guaranteed admissions guarantee?

The offer of guaranteed admissions guarantees admissions to the participating college and universities. Guaranteed admissions does not guarantee enrollment in a specific degree program.

Students should reach out to the institution(s) they are interested in enrolling to discuss specific degree programs.

WAGAP Student Criteria

What criteria must high school students meet to be eligible for the guaranteed admissions?

Participating institutions require two criteria be met for a student to be eligible for guaranteed admissions by fall 2024 enrollment at a participating institution: (1) A cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher **and** (2) Completion of **all** the College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs). If a student meets the criteria or is on track to

meet the criteria by fall 2024 admissions, he/she/they are guaranteed admission to the participating institution.

Who qualifies and what is needed to qualify for guaranteed admissions?

A student is eligible for guaranteed admissions if they have earned a cumulative, unweighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher **AND** have met **ALL** CADR requirements by fall 2024 enrollment in one of the participating institutions.

- English - 4 years
- Math - 3 years
- Senior Year Math-Based Quantitative - 1 year
- Social Science/Social Studies - 3 years
- World Language - 2 years (same language)
- Art - 1 year

Note the timing of a course within a student's high school career, generally, matters less than fulfilling the CADR requirements prior to fall 2024 enrollment at a participating institution.

What are College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs)?

CADRs are the minimum number of high school course credits required in six subject areas to meet state minimum admission standards at Washington public four-year institutions. CADRS include:

- English – 4 Credits
- Math – 3 Credits
- Science – 3 Credits
- Social Sciences – 3 Credits
- World Language - 2 Credits
- Art – 1 Credit
- Senior Year Math-based Quantitative Course – 1 Credit

Are school districts and Schools Responsible for Identifying CADR completion?

Yes. School districts and schools are responsible for identifying if students have completed or are on track to complete CADRs by fall 2024 admissions.

As stated in the state's admissions standards [policy](#), CADRs are the minimum number

of high school credits required in six subject areas students must earn to be eligible for non-alternative admission consideration by public baccalaureate institutions.

The school district is responsible for determining which of its high school courses meet CADR guidelines and for ensuring those courses are identified with "B" designations on students' transcripts.

How do the CADRs match with high school graduation requirements?

CADRS and high school graduation requirements align. The [24-Credit high school diploma](#) includes 17 foundational credits and seven electives to be chosen to align with a student's High School and Beyond Plan. The course credits required to meet CADRs are met through completing the 17 foundational credits and electives.

What does it mean to meet or be on track to meet CADRs for Guaranteed Admissions?

To be eligible for guaranteed admission students must meet or be on track by fall 2024 admissions to meet two requirements:

- Earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA **AND**
- Complete **ALL** Washington's College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs)

To be on track for CADRs, a student must have completed all CADRs by fall 2024 admissions. Some CADRs require completion in the senior year of high school. A student who has not yet but is expected to complete a CADR by fall 2024 admissions, including during the school year or summer, would be considered to be in-progress and on track.

Can CADR course credits be waived?

Institutions of higher education determine the waiver of CADR credits in the admissions process after a review of the high school transcript within the framework of the state's admissions standards [policy](#). However, to be eligible for WAGAP, students must meet **all** CADR requirements by fall 2024 admissions.

School districts and schools are strongly encouraged to please reach out to the [contacts](#) for each participating institution. Participating institutions welcome questions and are here to provide further information about CADRs and admissions.

What if a student does not complete all CADRS prior to fall admissions?

A student must meet all CADRs by fall 2024 enrollment to be guaranteed admission. Pathways and opportunities exist for students who have not met all CADRs. Students are strongly encouraged to please reach out to the [contacts](#) for each participating institution to learn more. Participating institutions welcome questions and are here to provide further information about CADRs and admissions.

What happens if I don't meet the WAGAP criteria upon graduation from high school?

To be eligible for guaranteed admissions, students are encouraged to continue to engage in challenging high school coursework. Students must maintain their high school GPA to meet the guaranteed admission criteria. If a student becomes ineligible for guaranteed admission, institutions are ready to work with students through the general admissions process.

Are students required to meet CADRS only for guaranteed admissions?

No. Students must meet CADRs as required in the states' admissions standards [policy](#). The process by which a student applies (e.g., guaranteed admissions or general admissions) does not impact this requirement.

What if my school district or high school is not a current WAGAP partner?

While we encourage all Washington school district to partner through WAGAP, students who attend a high school in a school district that is not a current WAGAP partner are still eligible for guaranteed admissions if the student meets the criteria for guaranteed admissions.

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- Complete **ALL** Washington's College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs)

How is a student granted guaranteed admissions if their school district or high school is not a current WAGAP partner?

A student would apply to a participating college or university through the general admissions process. The college or university would evaluate the student's GPA and coursework and if deemed that the student has met the criteria for guaranteed admissions, the student would be guaranteed admissions to that institution.

Does SPED coursework meet CADRs?

Generally, special education courses do not qualify as [CADRs](#). For a special education class to be classified as a CADR, the course must be fully aligned with grade level learning standards for the course represented.

How does admissions engage with students who have an IEP?

IEPs are not considered for admission purposes. Students with IEP are held to the same standards for academic performance. We would recommend students connect with access services at whichever campus they attend to receive accommodation.

Students strongly encouraged to please reach out early to the [contacts](#) for each participating institution. Participating institutions welcome questions and are here to provide further information to students and families.

Are students with IEP and 504 plans eligible for WAGAP?

Yes. Washington's public, four-year college and universities do not discriminate in admissions decisions. Discrimination is prohibited by Presidential Executive Order 11246 as amended; Washington State Gubernatorial Executive Orders 89-01 and 93-07; Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Washington State Law Against Discrimination RCW 49.60; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; State of Washington Gender Equity in Higher Education Act of 1989; Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 as amended; Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1972 as amended; other federal and state statutes, regulations, and institutional policies.

Are students guaranteed admissions regardless of GPA?

No. A student's unweighted, cumulative GPA is one of the two required criteria to be eligible for guaranteed admissions. A student is eligible for guaranteed admissions if the student earns a 3.0 or higher GPA and completes **all** CADRs.

What happens if their GPA drops at the end of the year?

Most institutions admit based on the time of application. Unless the transcript shows a dramatic turn of events such as a student's GPA falling below a 2.0 and missing more than three years of CADRs, very little will likely change.

If a student brings up their GPA after the first semester, will they still receive guaranteed admissions? What process do students or the school district need to be admitted through guaranteed admissions?

We recognize that students may achieve eligibility for guaranteed admissions at different points in their senior year. To accommodate this, WAGAP has established multiple windows for school school districts and schools to upload student data to allow for students who are eligible to be identified through the school year. A student must meet WAGAP criteria and maintain the criteria upon fall admissions.

If a student receives a letter for guaranteed admissions but does not meet the guaranteed admissions criteria by fall 2024, who communicates to the student?

The participating college or university the student applied. The Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program is a guideline that shows a student will qualify for guaranteed admissions if they meet certain criteria. The criteria include a 3.0 GPA or higher and completion of **all** [CADRs](#).

A slight deviation from this GPA will likely not disqualify a student from getting admitted through general admissions.

Students who have below a 3.0 cumulative GPA are encouraged to apply to a Washington public institution. The students will receive an admission decision from the college or university the student applied.

If a student is eligible for guaranteed admission are there any additional requirements for admissions to the university or college?

Yes. Once a student has been determined to meet the guaranteed admission criteria and are notified, they are eligible for guaranteed admissions at one or more participating institutions. Eligible students must then complete the following additional steps:

- Apply to the institution by completing an admissions application.
- Complete any additional requirements identified by the institution.
- Continue to engage in challenging high school coursework and maintain their high school GPA during their senior year to meet the guaranteed admission criteria.

Are Running Start Students Transfer Students?

For the purposes of admissions, either guaranteed or general admissions, Running Start students are defined as first-year students.

A first-year student is [defined as students](#) who:

- Earn a high school diploma or equivalent, **and**
- Enroll in college with fewer than 40 quarter/26 semester credits of college-level coursework, **or**
- Enroll in college with 40 or more quarter/26 or more semester hours of college-level credit or an associates degree and enter a public baccalaureate institution directly from high school.

All students who answer yes to at least one of the following statements are considered first-year students:

- I plan to enter university/college in the summer or fall after graduating from high school.
- I participated in a Washington recognized dual credit program where I earned or will earn college credit while in high school, regardless of the number of credits earned or earned associates degree, and I plan to enter university/college directly after graduating from high school.
- I have never attended a college or university since leaving high school, regardless of my age high school graduation status.

How does this process work for students transferring in as a junior after Running Start in high school?

Students who have earned an associates degree through Running Start and will enter college as a junior need to apply as a first-year student.

Even though they will have junior standing most institutions have on-boarding programs for students direct from high school. These programs support students who are living on their own for the first time and managing traditional college life. We have found these to be critical onboarding, wrap around programming for students as they transition from high school to college.

Traditional transfer students, who went to community college after high school, also go through on-boarding programs but these programs offer different content recognizing differences between students who enroll in college directly from high school and students who go to community college before enrolling.

Are students who attend a school that does not award, record or report grades or GPA eligible for guaranteed admissions?

The Guaranteed Admissions Program is designed to create clear expectations for students and process and policy for both our K-12 partners and participating institutions. The opportunity for all institutions to guarantee a student admission is tightly related to the eligibility criteria established. To be eligible for the Guaranteed Admissions Program a student must have evidence of completion of all CADRs and a 3.0 GPA or higher. Without evidence of both it is challenging to guarantee admissions and so students who are not able to provide this evidence are not eligible.

Washington’s public baccalaureate institutions support mastery-based learning. Guaranteed admissions is but one path to admissions to many of Washington’s public, baccalaureate institutions. Students who earn a mastery-based transcript are strongly encouraged to apply through the general admissions process and [will not be disadvantaged in the general admissions process.](#)

WAGAP Admissions

Do students still need to apply?

Yes. Guaranteed admissions isn’t automatic admissions. Students still need to go through the same admissions process, which includes:

- Online application.
- Unofficial transcripts
- Application fee or fee waiver
- Many institutions are now test not considered or test not required. .

WAGAP is a communications program that lets students know they meet above average academic standards for college admissions and have a high success rate at college based on their academic performance.

Is the requirement for students to complete an application and pay the application fee a new requirement?

No. The WAGAP pilot in 2021-22 and institutional guaranteed admissions prior to WAGAP required students to complete an application and pay the application fees or provide a fee waiver for admissions.

The Washington Guaranteed Admission Program is specific to the participating state’s public baccalaureate institutions. There are other institutions in Washington that may

offer guaranteed or automatic admission initiatives that are private baccalaureate institutions that may be structured differently than the Washington Guaranteed Admission Program.

Why do I have to complete an admissions application?

The admissions application is a critical communication tool between students and higher education institutions. The application provides information for colleges and universities to identify scholarships, financial aid opportunities and student support services for incoming students.

Can you apply to multiple guaranteed admissions colleges?

Yes. Guaranteed admissions is not automatic admissions. Students still need to go through the same application process.

If a student participates in WAGAP are they locked into coming to one or more of the participating institutions?

A student is not locked into coming to one or more of the participating institutions. We invite students to come meet with students, faculty and staff on our campuses so that we can help students learn more about the institutions and get a better feel for what life is like as a student.

Can a student defer guaranteed admissions?

The offer of guaranteed admissions is for enrollment in the fall term immediately following a student's high school graduation. A student may qualify for deferred enrollment for up to one academic year. Students must show a commitment to enroll, such as a deposit.

Students should reach out to the institution they intend to enroll regarding information about the institutional admissions deferral process and requirements.

Is there any problem if a student decides not to go to the college they are accepted to?

No. Students can be admitted to lots of different colleges. We know there are a lot of choices for students and we support the student's choice that the determine best meets their educational goals and is the best fit.

Does it matter that I am an undocumented student?

No. A student's citizenship status has no bearing on whether a student can participate in WAGAP.

Is the admissions application fee for students eligible for guaranteed admission waived?

No. Washington’s public baccalaureate institutions are not allowed by the Washington Constitution under [Article 8](#) Sections 5 and 7 or [statute\(s\)](#) to waive admission application fees unless a student demonstrates financial need. Financial need is reviewed on a case-by-case basis by each institution.

Admission application waivers are available for students who demonstrate financial need. A list of application fee waivers is provided to students completing the CommonApp. If a student or family has a question about their eligibility for an admission application fee waiver, they should contact a participating institution. Many participating institutions accept the NACAC fee waiver.

If a student does not meet WAGAP criteria, can they attend a Washington public baccalaureate institution?

Yes. We are excited to partner with school districts and schools in the WAGAP initiative. We also ask that you partner with us around college admissions in general. Students who may not meet the guaranteed admission criteria should still consider applying to a Washington public, four-year institution. Students who want to go to college, are thinking of college or have not considered college, there is a place for them in Washington at one of the state’s public, four-year institutions. We want to welcome all students to our institutions.

For students who are not guaranteed admission please encourage them to apply to college. To apply to one of Washington’s public, four-year institutions students should follow these steps.

1. Complete and submit your official [application](#) for admission. Students that apply early are more likely to receive scholarships, have their financial aid ready, and are more prepared for college.
2. Complete and submit additional requirements identified by the college or university.
3. Learn more about financial aid and how to complete the FAFSA/WAFSA, visit the [Washington Student Achievement Council](#).

What are the criteria for general admissions?

Washington public baccalaureate institutions consider the whole student in the

admissions review process. Holistic admissions consider grades, courses – both the type and the level at which taken - along with other information, to make an admissions decision. This may include leadership in activities outside of the school environment or other examples a student may provide.

The state sets minimum admission [criteria](#). The state’s criteria align with institutional holistic admissions. This allows for the opportunity to engage in a more comprehensive review of the application, including areas in which an applicant may not meet admissions standards.

Admissions is as much a standardized practice as it is influenced by the diverse range of student experience and education. It is challenging to capture the nuance of every application into a single statement for all students and institutions; **students and families are strongly encouraged to [reach out](#) and discuss concerns so we can partner together. We invite students and families into conversation with us.**

What are the scholarship/financial aid opportunities and amounts through the WAGAP program?

The Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program guarantees admission only. This allows students and families to know they have been accepted to a college or university, allowing students and families to focus on other areas in the transition from high school to college such as financial aid and degree programs.

WAGAP does not guarantee financial aid. College is affordable in Washington. Washington is ranked number one in the nation for need-based financial aid. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the FAFSA or WAFSA to be eligible for federal and state financial aid.

In addition, institutions offer a range of institutional scholarships. Finally, there are often scholarship opportunities within a student’s community and region. To learn more students should explore institutional financial aid webpages and [the financial aid information at the Washington Student Achievement Council](#).

Are there automatic financial aid packages to help pay for school?

College in Washington is affordable. Most students pay for school with a combination of Federal, state, and institutional aid.

Washington is ranked number one in the nation for need-based financial aid. To qualify for federal and state aid students need to fill out the FAFSA or WASFA.

Some institutions award merit scholarships automatically at the time of application but students must apply first.

Roles and Responsibilities

What are the roles and responsibilities of participating institutions and district and school partners?

Collaboration and partnership are critical to the success of guaranteed admissions. WAGAP is intended to streamline processes, clarify communications and partner with school districts and schools to jointly benefit the students we serve. Each year participating institutions meet with current school district and school partners to review WAGAP and suggest improvements for the following academic year.

What is the role and responsibility of school districts and schools as participants in WAGAP?

Yes. School districts and schools are expected to:

1. Provide the data identified through the DSA to the participating institution(s) as outlined in the DSA and upload instructions during the data upload windows.
2. Participate in the joint meetings scheduled throughout the academic year.
3. Engage throughout the school year with the participating institutions to build and strengthen long-term relationships between the district or school and participating institutions.

What can school districts and schools expect from the participating institutions?

Participating institutions and, as appropriate, the Council of Presidents:

1. Will coordinate and provide communications of expectations and address emerging issues.
2. Upon receipt of the data identified in the DSA from the district(s) or school(s), the Council of Presidents and participating institutions directly communicate with students and families in the 11th grade and 12th grade students eligible for guaranteed admissions.
3. Host and collaborate with partner WAGAP school districts and schools in joint meetings throughout the academic year.
4. Engage throughout the school year with the participating district(s) or school(s) to build and strengthen long-term relationships between the district(s) or school(s) and the participating institutions.

Data Upload

How often will participating institutions query for student data each academic year?
school districts and schools are asked to upload data as follows during the 2023-24 school year.

Deadline	11 th Grade/Juniors	12 th Grade/Seniors
August 28-September 29	X	X
November 1- December 1	X	X
January 22 -February 16	X	X
June 3-28	X	X

When should a district or school upload data?

School districts and schools should upload data during the designated data window period. Data should not be uploaded outside of the posted window timeframes. If there are issues or questions school districts and schools should reach out to jgarver@councilofpresidents.org.

What does a district or school do if they are unable to upload during a specific window of time?

School districts and schools are strongly encouraged to upload data available during each window of time. Student data that may not be available during any one window of time should be included with the next upload.

How do I find the school CEEB code?

The CEEB code is the College Entrance Examination Board. [A CEEB code is a standardized ID number](#) that is assigned to a high school, college, or university.

What format should school districts and schools use when saving the data templates?

Each data template should be saved as a .csv file. The saved file should be named as follows, District/School Name_Grade Level_Date. For example, COP District_12_January 2024.

Do school districts and schools upload all students during each data window?

No. School districts and schools should only upload student data that was not uploaded in a prior window.

Should school districts and schools upload data during the next window if a student’s contact information changes?

No. If there are changes to a student’s contact information, these changes will be captured during the admissions applications process.

Is student data uploaded during the 2023-24 academic year considered duplicate data for upload purposes in the following academic year (e.g., 2024-25)?

No. Student data is not considered duplicate data from one year to the next only within the same academic year. For example, 11th grade student data uploaded in the 2023-24 academic year would be new 12th grade student data in the 2024-25 academic year.

Should school districts and schools upload test files?

No. School districts and schools are asked to please not upload test files. If there are questions or concerns about whether or not a template was successfully uploaded, the district or school should reach out to COP, jgarver@councilofpresidents.org.

Do participating institutions only want data for 11th grade students who meet the WAGAP criteria?

No. School districts and schools should upload all 11th grade student data. The intent of communications with 11th grade students is to increase the college going culture in Washington earlier than their senior year. Communications focus on admissions information, the opportunity for guaranteed admissions and what steps to take during a student’s junior and upcoming senior year.

What data values indicate a student has completed or is on track to meet CADR’s?

The data values that demonstrate a student has completed or is on track to meet CADR’s include the following, earned with a grade of D or higher.

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math (Alg. 1, Geo, Alg. 2)
- 3 years of science
- 3 years of social sciences
- 2 years world language
- 1 year of art
- 1 year of quantitative reasoning/math in the senior year

Are school school districts and schools encouraged to review data prior to uploading?

Yes. A review of student data is critical to ensure timely student and family

communications with participating institutions. School districts and schools should be sure that the following is accurate:

- Student information is aligned with the appropriate student in the same row.
- 12th grade WAGAP eligible student data meets the criteria for guaranteed admissions. **To be eligible** for guaranteed admission students **must** meet or be on track **by fall 2024** admissions to meet two requirements: (1) Earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA **AND** (2) Complete **ALL** Washington’s College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs)

Outreach and Engagement with Students and Families

What is the anticipated timeline for messages to start going out to students and families?

The Council of Presidents will send letters to students as data is uploaded by school districts and schools. The letters can be found on the WAGAP [webpage](#) under “For Counselors” and the “Student Outreach” tab.

Can high school staff have access in advance of the information being sent?

Yes. The WAGAP Communications Plan and examples of the letters that will be shared with students can be found on the WAGAP [webpage](#) under “For Counselors” and the “Student Outreach” tab.

What are the email list domains related to WAGAP?

The following is a list of domains.

- WAGAP@councilofpresidents.org
- admissions@cwu.edu
- admissions@ewu.edu
- admissions@evergreen.edu
- uwtinfo@uw.edu
- future.coug@wsu.edu
- admissions@wwu.edu

What will communications to students and families include?

The Council of Presidents will send an initial letter to 11th grade and 12th grade guaranteed admission eligible students. School districts and schools are encouraged to

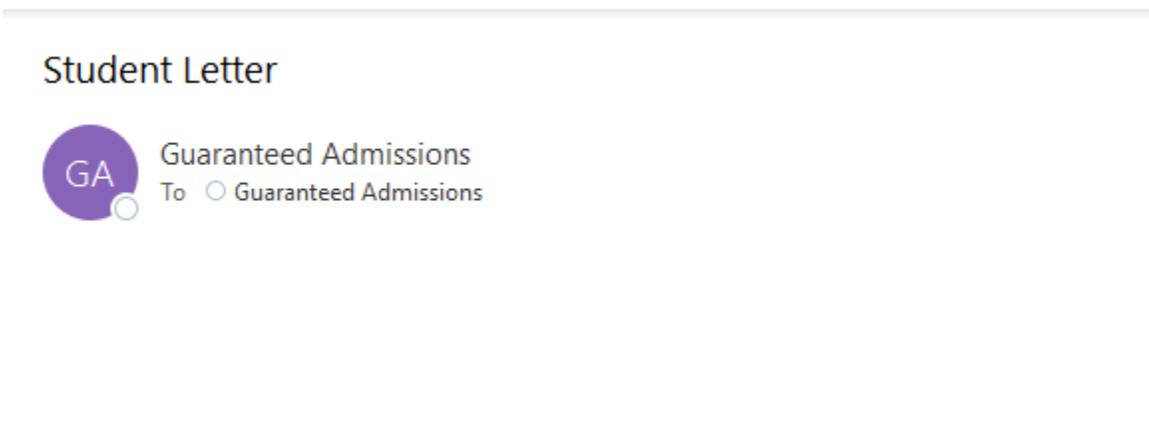
provide 12th grade eligible students with information about general admissions as outlined below. A sample letter can be found on the WAGAP [webpage](#) under “For Counselors” under the “Student Outreach” tab.

11th Grade Students

Students in the 11th grade will receive a joint unified letter from Washington’s public baccalaureate institutions focusing on college awareness and preparation. The message is both welcoming and hopeful for students with information about the benefits of going to college, the opportunity and certainty of guaranteed admissions as an achievable goal and a college planning checklist focused on students in their junior year of high school.

Each 11th grade student will receive the letter in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The letter will be sent to the student during and after each data upload window. The letter will be sent via email to the email addresses provided through data sharing including a student’s personal and school email and the student’s parent or guardian’s email.

Students and families should look for a letter in their email Inboxes and Spam from WAGAP@councilofpresidents.org. Below is an example of how the email may look.



12th Grade Students WAGAP Eligible

Students in the 12th grade who are eligible for guaranteed admissions or are on track to meet the criteria by fall 2024 enrollment in a participating college or university will receive a joint unified letter from Washington’s public baccalaureate institutions congratulating the student on their admission to each of the WAGAP participating institutions for fall 2024. The letter provides students with information about what to do next.

Each 12th grade WAGAP eligible student will receive the letter in both English and

Spanish. The letter will be sent to the student during and after each data upload window. The letter will be sent via email to the email addresses provided through data sharing including a student's personal and school email and the student's parent or guardian's email.

Students and families should look for a letter in their email Inboxes and Spam from WAGAP@councilofpresidents.org. Below is an example of what this would look like to a student.

Student Letter



Guaranteed Admissions
To  Guaranteed Admissions

How may school districts and schools engage with 12th grade WAGAP eligible and non-eligible students?

School districts and schools are strongly encouraged to engage with their high school counselors about WAGAP. This will ensure high school counselors are prepared and ready to support WAGAP eligible students in the admissions process **and** provide students who do not meet the guaranteed admission criteria the joint general admission letter developed by the participating public, four-year institutions. This supports our collaborative partnership to increase the college going culture in Washington and to recognize the many ways in which students may apply and go to college.

How can school districts and schools learn about the application status of their students?

Beginning in the 2023-24 academic year, school districts and schools will be able to view in real time the application status of their students through slate.org and through data sharing with The Evergreen State College.

What is slate.org?

Slate.org is a platform designed to strengthen communication between undergraduate admission offices, school counselors, community-based organizations, and students during the college search and application process.

What is the cost to school districts and schools to use slate.org?

There is no cost to counselors. Slate.org is a free platform designed to centralize the college admissions process. Slate.org strives to promote access by connecting school counselors, colleges, and students through one integrated solution.

What do students do after receiving acceptance letters?

For WAGAP students, once a letter is emailed to them, the next step is to apply to any or all of the participating universities or college.

College is affordable in Washington. Students are also encouraged to fill out the FAFSA/WASFA for federal and state aid and apply for institutional aid. The financial aid packages can help some families make decisions on which institution to attend.

After receiving acceptance letters, students should weigh their options by comparing the institutions to choose the best institution for them.

This process generally includes the following:

- Financial aid packages & FAFSA/WASFA completion
- Academic programs
- Campus environments
- Visiting Campuses

How are parents involved with guaranteed admissions?

We encourage parents to help their student through the admissions process. The Council of Presidents will send the joint communications shared with students to student parents and guardians for whom email addresses are provided.

How will families be notified prior or during WAGAP that this is not a scam?

Communications regarding the Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program comes from the Council of Presidents. In addition, each institution has identified email addresses that will be the source for WAGAP information sent to students and families. These email addresses are identified in the WAGAP FAQ document for school districts and schools (See “Outreach and Engagement with Students and Families”).

Communication will be from the Council of Presidents and the participating institutions via email and at times text messages, from institutions, as follow up reminders.

In addition, each participating high school will receive materials to increase the physical branding and presence of WAGAP in the high school. The materials are intended to increase awareness of WAGAP with students, families, staff and teachers.

How do school districts, schools, students and families engage if they have specific circumstances that are unique to a student and admissions?

Admissions is as much a standardized practice as it is influenced by the diverse range of student experience and education. It is challenging to capture the nuance of every application into a single statement for all students and institutions; students and families are strongly encouraged to [reach out](#) and discuss concerns so we can partner together. We invite students and families into conversation with us.

Will participating institutions host in-person events for students who are eligible for support?

For participating institutions of WAGAP, we would be happy to work with schools to find opportunities to meet with students about WAGAP and celebrate successes. Each institution will plan based on their staff availability.

How should school districts and schools communicate with students and families who may have a friend who receives a WAGAP communication from a participating institution, but they did not?

For students who are not guaranteed admission please encourage them to apply to college. There is more than one path to college.

Washington's public, four-year universities and college are here to share with you that you can go to college and that we want you. Wherever you are and whatever you are considering, we want you to know that going to a Washington public, four-year university is an opportunity for you and it is not too late.

To apply to one of Washington's public, four-year institutions students should follow these steps.

1. Complete and submit your official [application](#) for admission. Students that apply early are more likely to receive scholarships, have their financial aid ready, and are more prepared for college.
2. Complete and submit additional requirements identified by the college or university.
3. Learn more about financial aid and how to complete the FAFSA/WAFSA, visit the [Washington Student Achievement Council](#).

Will participating institutions communicate to students that are not eligible for guaranteed admissions?

Yes. Washington's public baccalaureate institutions want Washington students to enroll in college after high school. We are committed to growing our own to raise educational attainment among Washingtonians to meet workforce and state needs.