

## Key Elements

Each of these basic elements is important, but it's their interconnectedness that makes Career Guidance so powerful.

- ★ **Curriculum-driven student advisories**  
Help students and teachers develop more personalized relationships with skill and knowledge acquisition and lessens the load for school counselors.
- ★ **Student planning portfolios**  
Paper or electronic, which support student planning for the High School and Beyond Plan and Senior Culminating Project.
- ★ **Student-led conferences**  
Student, parents/guardians, and teachers/ advisor, conferences to provide the student with the opportunity to discuss achievements, aspirations, plans, and challenges.
- ★ **Student-informed scheduling**  
When done in partnership with student-led conferences, the school is more equipped to make informed choices about future, college-ready course opportunities.
- ★ **Evaluating data**  
Using student success data, including gatekeeper course tracking, graduation rates, and postsecondary preparedness to monitor student progress and program development, through evidence-based practices.
- ★ **Program management**  
Central to the career and college readiness mission of the school as a component of the school improvement plan with leadership team that includes administrator, counselor, and teachers.
- ★ **Comprehensive guidance and counseling**  
Provides sound context for the full development and integration of a comprehensive guidance and counseling program as a career guidance model.



## Partnerships

Career Bridge is an electronic career interest inventory from the WA Workforce Training & Coordinating Board. Information can be found at:  
<http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov>

The "Where Are You Going?" guide is also available by contacting the Workforce WA Board.  
<http://wtb.wa.gov/CareerGuide.asp>

WA Student Achievement Council's "Ready, Set, Grad" has college and career readiness resources for Grades 6-12. The website has an online tool called About.Me for students to upload documents to their HSBP portfolio for career paths, postsecondary options, admissions, and financial aid.  
<http://readyssetgrad.org>

Check Out a College.Com is an electronic community and technical college resource from State Board for Community and Technical Colleges:  
<http://checkoutacollege.com>

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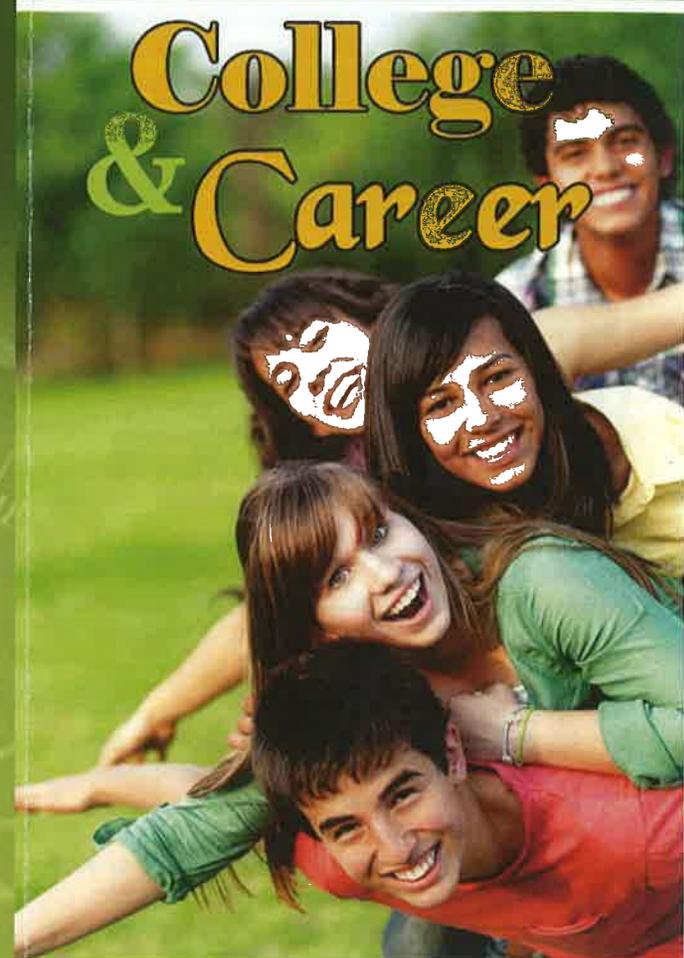
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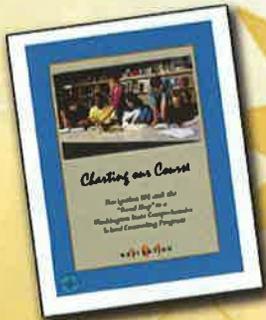
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## What is Career Guidance WA?

**Career Guidance WA** is a proven curriculum-based, guidance advisory program designed to equip all students in developing career and college readiness knowledge and skills and to guide the planning for their future, including getting the most out of high school. As a part of a comprehensive guidance and counseling program, this model deepens student positive engagement with their education and transitions to postsecondary education, training, and career. Evaluation results also indicate that Career Guidance WA has been effective as a dropout prevention strategy in schools which have implemented the program for multiple years.



### Charting the Course

A guide on how career guidance combines with comprehensive guidance and counseling program.

[www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/GuidanceCounseling](http://www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/GuidanceCounseling)

## Why Career Guidance?

- ✓ Equalize opportunity so that all students have meaningful choices for life after high school.
- ✓ Encourage student engagement by ensuring that every student has at least one adult at school who knows and cares about him or her.
- ✓ Enhance student achievement by helping students evaluate and reflect on their own skills, interests, and accomplishments.
- ✓ Involve families by engaging them in students' decisions and plans.
- ✓ Strengthen community within schools and in the surrounding neighborhood by offering students meaningful leadership opportunities.

### Program evaluation report indicators:

- ✓ Helps create a college-going culture.
- ✓ Develops positive relationships between students and advisors.
- ✓ Increases student ownership and empowerment.
- ✓ Increases parent involvement.
- ✓ Helps students stay in school.

### Other outcomes:

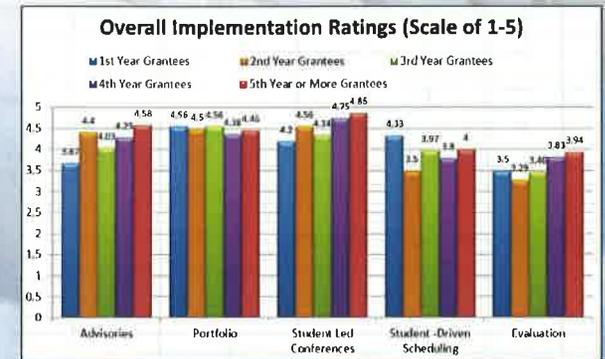
- ✓ Positive impact on school climate.
- ✓ Alignment with other educational programs.
- ✓ Increased career and college conversations.
- ✓ Supports school improvement efforts.

### A fully implemented program builds:

- ✓ Solid school leadership teams.
- ✓ Professional development opportunities.
- ✓ Stronger school and district partnerships.
- ✓ Increase in student accountability.

## Positive Results

Program data shows that students who participate in college and career readiness activities have a significant increase in the sense of belonging in schools and that the longer a school implements career guidance, the greater the increase in graduation and college-going rates.



## Access to Curriculum

All lessons are aligned with Common Core State Standards, EALRs, and ASCA Student Standards.

[www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/CareerCollegeReadiness/Nav101/](http://www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/CareerCollegeReadiness/Nav101/)



Career Guidance Washington is a series of lessons that builds on resources from Washington State. These lessons help students make the most out of high school and prepare for their college and career. The High School and Beyond Plan and senior culminating project portfolio can be developed from these lessons.



The Navigation 101 curriculum is available to all middle and high schools in our state. To access, use the following password: Nav2gation



Sparking the Future curriculum is designed for students who are the first generation to see postsecondary options and exploring college and career opportunities.



My Dreams, My Story, My Voice curriculum was developed to help schools increase the sense of self-advocacy as a predictor of student success.



Career Ready Lessons assist students who are interested in community and technical colleges or school/work options after graduation. Starting in middle school, the Career Ready lessons contain work and career elements that correspond with the student High School and Beyond Plan's postsecondary options and planning for the future with tools about financial literacy which match with the other Career Guidance WA lessons.