

SUMMARY OF STATUTORY DIRECTION -- RCW 28B.77.020(1)-(3)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT GOALS, STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN, AND TEN-YEAR ROADMAP

Educational Attainment Goals and Priorities

- Washington Student Achievement Council (Council) shall propose educational attainment goals and priorities to meet the state evolving needs. Strategies for meeting the goals and priorities will be communicated via a "short-term strategic action plan" and a "ten-year plan that serves as a roadmap."
- The goals must address the needs of Washington residents to reach higher levels of educational attainment and the workforce needs for certificates and degrees in particular fields of study.
- The Council shall identify the resources it deems appropriate to meet the goals and also recognize current state economic conditions and state resources.
- In proposing the goals, the Council must collaborate with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the Professional Educator Standards Board, the State Board of Education, the State Board for Community and Technical College, the four-year institutions of higher education, independent colleges and degree-granting institutions, certificate-granting institutions, and the Workforce Training and Education and Coordinating Board.

Strategic Action Plan

- The first strategic action plan is due December 1, 2012 and shall be updated every two years.

Ten-Year Roadmap

- The first roadmap is due December 1, 2013 and shall be updated every two years.
- In developing the roadmap, the Council shall conduct strategic planning in collaboration with agencies and stakeholders and include input from the Legislature.
- The roadmap must encompass all sectors of higher education, including secondary to postsecondary transitions.
- The roadmap must outline strategies that address:
 - Strategic planning, including setting benchmarks and goals, for long-term degree production generally and in particular fields of study
 - Expanding access, affordability, quality, efficiency, and accountability among the various institutions of higher education
 - Higher education finance planning and strategic investments, including budget recommendations necessary to meet statewide goals
 - System design and coordination
 - Improving student transitions
 - Higher education data and analysis, in collaboration with the Education Research and Data Center, which includes outcomes for recruitment, retention, and success of students
 - College and career access preparedness, in collaboration with OSPI and the Board of Education
 - Expanding participation and success for racial and ethnic minorities in higher education
 - Development and expansion of innovations in higher education, including innovations to increase attainment of postsecondary certificates, and associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees; and innovations to improve pre-college education in terms of cost-effectiveness and transitions to college-level education
 - Relevant policy research