Currently, only 89 percent of adults in Washington have a high school diploma or equivalent, and just less than 50 percent of these adults have a postsecondary credential. By 2023, Washington State is aiming to prepare all adults in the state to have a high school diploma and at least 70 percent of adults to have a postsecondary credential.

Getting students on the pathway to success after high school is where the Common Core State Standards come in. They provide clear, consistent guidelines for what every student should know and be able to do in math and English language arts from kindergarten through 12th grade.

**Smarter Balanced Assessment**

The Smarter Balanced assessment system, which is aligned to the new Common Core State Standards, provides a way to measure student progress on those standards throughout the year and make adjustments and interventions as necessary to help ensure students are on the pathway to success. The assessments are administered in grades 3 – 8 and 11.

**High School and Beyond Plan**

The High School & Beyond Plan brings parent/guardians, educators and students together to develop each student’s personalized pathway toward college- and career-readiness. The plan outlines educational and career goals, and the courses, exams, and community or work-related experiences necessary to get there. Review the plan with your family, teachers and guidance counselors throughout high school to make sure you’re on track to reach your goals.

**You've Got This!**

You have many options after high school, but it’s going to take hard work and extra help to get there.

**You Can Do This!**

You CAN go to college, but it’s going to take focus, determination and extra help to get there.

**Great Work!**

You’re on the college- and career-ready path!

**Keep It Up!**

You’re on target to be college- and career-ready by 12th grade.

**Resources**

- Ready Washington: [www.readywa.org](http://www.readywa.org)
- Graduation Requirements: [www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.php](http://www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.php)
- Ready, Set, Grad, Interactive college planning website: [www.readysetgrad.org](http://www.readysetgrad.org)

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