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**Washington Council
Winter Meeting
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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The Council of Presidents stands in solidarity with all those across our nation who experience discrimination, bigotry, prejudice, violence, and hate due to their race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, age, religion, and socioeconomic status.

We remain actively committed to continuing and advancing efforts to promote greater diversity, equity, and inclusion on our campuses that align with their missions to serve Washington residents and the local communities in which they reside.

Our work is grounded in the belief that faculty, staff, and students benefit from a vibrant, rich learning community composed of a broad cross-section of individuals of all different perspectives. Success in an interdependent, globally connected world depends critically and urgently on our ability to foster equity of access and outcome related to our 21st Century ideals of opportunity and discovery.

What
to
Expect

Planning for Spring and Summer

- The focus for campus leaders is on **ensuring the safety** of our students, faculty, & staff while continuing to provide students with a high-value education.
- Students will continue to **receive vital support services** such as advising, counseling, mentoring, tutoring, career services, financial aid, etc.
- Institutions worked to **meet the technological needs** of our students with loaner laptops, additional hotspots, drive-in Wi-Fi locations, & more.
- Please encourage students who have questions – ranging from admissions to dining to technology to financial aid – to reach out with questions or concerns. **We are here to help!**

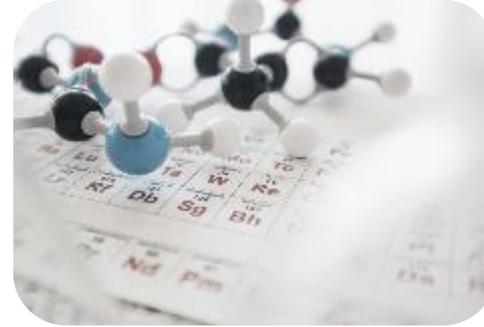
Planning for Fall 2021

- Planning for an increase in students living on campus, largely **in-person** instruction and expanded student services and activities
- Spring term expect 2021 **fall course schedules** to be available
- This is **dependent** on the effective distribution of vaccines and following health guidance
- Our planning will continue to reflect state guidelines and the expertise of health authorities. Protecting the health of our students, faculty, and staff will continue to guide our decision-making in the coming months. **Our students' learning, personal well-being, and life success remain our top priority.**
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Fall 2021 Admissions Flexibility



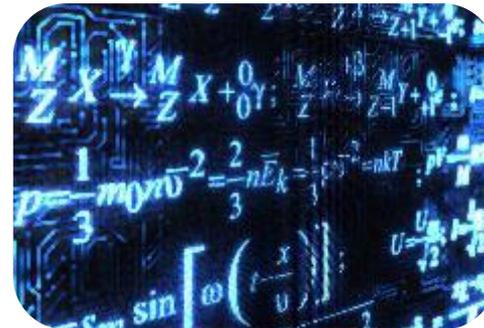
Continued **integration of flexibility** in admissions processes



Temporarily **suspending** standardized test requirements (SAT/ACT) for fall 2021 freshman admissions



No negative affect in admissions for students who received a "P" in lieu of a letter grade for high school coursework



Continue to consider impact of "P" option for concurrent enrollment dual credit on future admissions decisions

Key Takeaways

We are excited to welcome Washington students to any one of our public four-year college or universities! **We want you!**

Washington's public four-year college and universities offer terrific options available in your own backyard! **Let's Grow Our Own!**

Your students are our students. We are committed to continuing to education and to serve all students with a commitment to identifying and reducing gaps among student populations.



Initiatives

COVID-19

- Since March 2022, sector has engaged to **remove barriers** for students and reached out to stakeholders.
- Together our sector shared information and insights as peers and developed **sector** focused communications to share with state policymakers, K-12 partners, higher education partners and others.
 - Sector comprehensive **COVID-19 FAQ** and other related documents
 - **Joint statements** with K-12 and higher education partners and specific publications directed towards high schools, students and families regarding admissions and financial aid
- Continue as a **strong leader** in communicating and advocating for public baccalaureate education through our feedback to OSPI COVID-19 guidance.



Admissions and Financial Aid

- **Released:** Admissions [One-Pager](#)
- **Shared:** Focused [document](#) on admissions and financial aid to encourage Washington high school students to complete the FAFSA/WAFSA and apply to college in Washington
- **Collaboration:**
 - Admission Directors joined with colleagues from ICW to engage with Washington high school principals regarding admissions
 - Admissions directors presented to the K-12/Postsecondary Transition Work Group around Equity-centered admissions processes at higher education institutions.



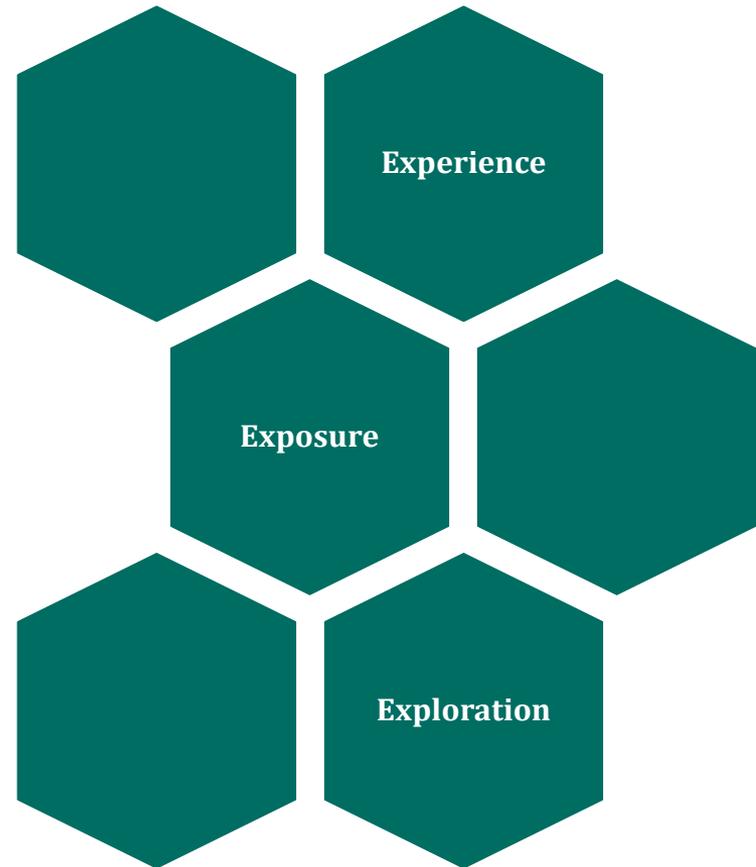
Dual Credit and Math

- **Dual Credit**

- A public four-year college and university dual credit tool with information and resources in [one spot](#).
- WSAC-led dual credit task force.
- Review with partners the RSEVF form for Running Start.

- **Math**

- With K-12 and higher education partners in the Launch Years initiative focused on math paths from K-12 to postsecondary education.





Legislative
Session

2021 Legislative Session

- **January 11, 2021**
Legislature convened
- **Legislation**
Tracking over 150 bills
Nearly 1,000 bills introduced to date
- **Themes**
K-12 graduation requirements
Diversity, equity and inclusion
Student counseling K-12/higher ed.
Loss learning
Maintain current investments
- **Key Dates**
February 15 – Policy Cut-Off
February 22 – Fiscal Cut-Off
March 9 - Floor Cut-Off
April 25 - Legislature Adjourns



Legislation Highlights

HB 1044: Creating prison to postsecondary education pathways

HB 1119: Notifying students of courses w/ low-cost instructional materials and OER at four-year institutions

HB 1162: Concerning high school graduation credit and pathway options

HB 1166: Expanding access to the homeless and foster care college students pilot program

HB 1176: Concerning access to higher education

HB 1302: Concerning college in the high school programs

SB 5249: Supporting mastery-based learning

SB 5265: Creating a bridge year pilot program



For More
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