

Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program (WA GAP)



What is the type of admissions redesign?

Informed Admissions: High school students are proactively notified by a state postsecondary agency or system that they will be admitted to at least one two- or four-year institution based on academic criteria (e.g., GPA), but are required to complete a traditional application process.

In which state is it based?

Washington

What state postsecondary agency or system sponsors the program?

Council of Presidents on behalf of Washington's public universities

When was the program first started?



2020

Does the student or state agency/system initiate the admissions process?

Eligible seniors at participating high schools receive a personalized letter offering guaranteed admissions based on their academic record, and juniors receive a personalized letter with information about a potential future at a Washington public university. Students can then select universities of interest and complete their applications.


What are the central characteristics of the program?

Students who meet minimum GPA and coursework requirements are guaranteed a spot at participating Washington public universities.

 <p>Program Scope</p>	Does the program include all high school districts or only a portion ? Is opt-in required?	Washington school districts or schools, including public, charter, tribal and private, that enroll students through 12th grade must partner with WAGAP for their students to participate. Additionally, students must opt-in to share their academic and directory information with participating universities.
	Does the program support admission to four-year institutions, two-year institutions, or both ?	Public four-year institutions
	Which institutions are participating in the program?	Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, Central Washington University, University of Washington – Tacoma, Washington State University, and Western Washington University.
 <p>Eligibility Criteria and Application</p>	What are the academic eligibility criteria for students?	Students are guaranteed admission if they meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum, unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; • Completion of or be on track to complete all College Academic Distribution Requirements by the fall term following high school graduation; and • Enrollment in a school district or school that has completed the WAGAP data sharing agreement.
	Are students still required to apply to postsecondary institutions?	Students must complete an admissions application to secure their spot.
	Is the application fee waived ?	Students may qualify for an admissions application fee waiver based on financial need.

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Data and Policy	What is the data source for the program?	Districts and schools must complete a signed WAGAP joint data sharing agreement and letter of support and students must opt in to share academic and directory information with participating universities.
	Did the state or system adopt policy related to the program, and if so what does the policy include?	No, WAGAP was developed by Washington’s public universities.

Information above is up to date as of December 2025