

There will be 740,000 job openings in Washington state by 2021. Most will be filled by workers with a postsecondary credential—such as a degree, apprenticeship, or certificate. But, right now, only 40% of our high school students go on to earn such a credential by age 26. Our goal: Raise that number to 70% by the high school class of 2030.

Here's a path to how we get there. >>

If Washington hits the benchmarks for high school graduation, postsecondary enrollment of high school graduates, and postsecondary graduation, the credential attainment rate will be 63%. To reach the 70% goal, we also must reengage more students who drop out of education or training.

7%
REENGAGEMENT
RATE OF STUDENTS
WHO LEFT
EDUCATION
OR TRAINING

DESTINATION:
**70% CREDENTIAL
ATTAINMENT
FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2030**

If 95% of students graduate high school, then 95% of those graduates must enroll in postsecondary programs at two- and four-year institutions. That's an 18-point gain compared to the estimate for the high school class of 2015.

95%
POSTSECONDARY
ENROLLMENT
OF HIGH
SCHOOL
GRADUATES

70%
POSTSECONDARY
GRADUATION
RATE

If 95% of high school graduates enroll in postsecondary programs at two- and four-year institutions, then 70% of those enrollees must also graduate. That's a seven-point gain compared to estimated performance for the high school class of 2015.

First, more students must graduate high school. Increasing the high school graduation rate to 95% will set a course to the credential attainment goal. That's a 13-point gain over the graduation rate for the high school class of 2015.

95%
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION
RATE



THE CREDENTIAL IS ESSENTIAL.
SEE THE ACTIONS WE MUST TAKE TO KEEP ON TRACK >>