

Will my student be ready for high school? ... And college or a career?

If your student is doing well in eighth-grade, that is the single strongest predictor of college readiness by twelfth-grade.

Two ways to boost success in middle school:

1. Good work and study habits, sometimes called *academic discipline*. It means consistently completing homework, getting to class on time, taking pride and care in school work.
2. Positive behavior and attitude

Studies show that those who fail middle school classes are more likely to drop out of high school.



High School Success Indicators

The following levels and indicators are intended to be a guide for students and their families in preparing for a successful high school experience, which leads to readiness for college or a career.

Well Prepared for High School Readiness

- Earns a “B” level grade or higher in each grade level core subject: math, reading/language arts, science and social studies.
- Earns a “C” level grade or better in a minimum of one high school level course; e.g. Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2, Coordinated Science
- Exceeds standard (Level 4) on two or more assessments of the MSP and meets standard (Level 3) on the remaining assessments
- Successfully completes the Washington State History requirement
- Regular, consistent and timely attendance is at least 98%

Meets High School Readiness

- Earns “C” level grade or better in each core subject: math, reading/ language arts, science and social studies
- Meets or exceeds standard (Level 3 or 4) for each subject on the state assessment—Measures of Student Progress (MSP)
- Successfully completes the Washington State History requirement
- Regular, consistent and timely attendance is at least 98%

Approaching High School Readiness

- Has earned one or more “D” level grades in each core subject: math, reading/ language arts, science and social studies
- Approaches standard (Level 2) in one or more subjects on the state assessment—Measures of Student Progress (MSP)
- Has yet to successfully complete the Washington State History requirement
- Consistent and timely attendance is between 94-98%

Significantly At-Risk for High School Readiness

- Has earned one or more “F” level grades in each core subject: math, reading/ language arts, science and social studies
- Does not meet standard (Level 1) in one or more subjects on the state assessment Measures of Student Progress (MSP)
- Has yet to successfully complete the Washington State History requirement
- Consistent and timely attendance is below 94%

Level 4

Level 3

Level 2

Level 1

How can I help my student prepare for high school?

- Set expectations and examples for good behavior in classrooms, in the school and in the community.
- Set expectations and help support your student being well-prepared for class with materials, textbooks and other supplies. If you need help getting these supplies, contact your school office.
- Check to see when assignments are due and if they are being completed on time. Take advantage of information available through the Learning Management System (LMS).
- Encourage your student to ask questions and ask for help.
- Establish regular times for homework and for reading outside of school. Reading non-fiction is especially helpful for students.
- Have your student check out clubs and activities of interest and be involved with students, the school and the community.



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Help your student be ready for high school by the end of eighth-grade to maximize the benefits of high school and to be on target for college or a career.



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