

What role can two-year colleges play in preparing future students for high school completion?

Colleges are committed to the following principles in order to educate students over 18 who have not yet earned their diploma:

- House Bill 2582 proposes a new high school completion program that may join existing programs to better meet student needs, and focuses on students who have completed every graduation requirement except the WASL.
- The program proposed by HB 2582 is intended to be in addition to drop-out retrieval and other high school completion programs that are already in place at the colleges and in K-12 school districts.
- High school graduation requirements at the colleges would meet **at least** the state high school requirements, including 19 high school credits, a 13th year plan, a culminating project, and may include a WASL test alternative such as a portfolio of work that demonstrates proficiency.
- Funding commensurate with that received by K-12 is needed to serve these students successfully.
- If they wish, students could enroll concurrently for job training courses or other college classes at regular tuition rates.
- High school completion programs should continue to be optional for all 34 community and technical colleges to offer.
- Students would be notified by high schools about high school completion programs available at the colleges.

