

Planning to Go to College?

Smarter Balanced and your 12th-grade coursework choices can help

College leaders in eight states believe students who score well on Smarter Balanced tests and take challenging courses throughout high school will enter college ready to succeed. More than 220 colleges, universities, and community and technical colleges in these states have agreed to allow students who score a 3 or 4 on Smarter Balanced tests to enroll directly in entry-level credit-bearing courses once they are admitted.

NOTE: All of Washington's public higher education institutions accept Smarter Balanced scores as an indicator of college readiness.

How can I use my Smarter Balanced scores?

- Use scores to help you choose which English and math courses to take in 12th grade to prepare you for life after high school.
- Apply to and meet admissions requirements of the college or university of your choice.
 If you are accepted, and that school has agreed to accept Smarter Balanced scores, a score of 3 or 4 will allow you to avoid further placement testing and costly remedial classes. You may enter directly into entrylevel credit-bearing courses if you enroll the year you graduate from high school.

Contact individual colleges or universities to find out their process for receiving the scores.

Learn

more!

Ready. Set. Grad.

What if I don't get a 3 or 4?

You do not need to receive a score of 3 or 4 to graduate from high school or get into college.

But lower scores may indicate that there are

Work with your teachers and counselors to

Students who earn a "B" or better in Bridge

on before leaving high school.

skills before arriving at college.

certain skills and knowledge you need to work

identify gaps and make a plan for boosting your

"Bridge-to-College" courses are 12th-grade English

and math courses designed for students who score a 2 on the Smarter Balanced high school tests.

courses are eligible for entry-level credit-bearing coursework in community and technical colleges.

www.readysetgrad.org

Learn more!

Smarter Balanced

www.k12.wa.us/smarter

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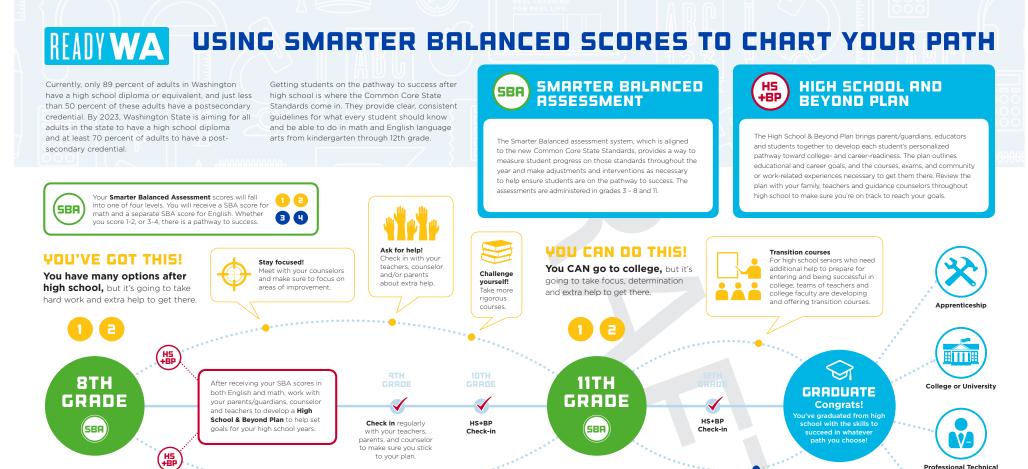
College Course Placement

bit.ly/SB-HigherEd www.wsac.wa.gov/college-readiness Learn more!

Bridge-to-College Courses

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To see a **video** that explains this graphic and how students can use Smarter Balanced scores and High School & Beyond Plan to chart their path to success after high school, visit http://bit.ly/SB-scores.

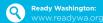




GREAT WORK!

You're on the college-

and career-ready path!



Maintain a

manageable

challenging vet



Keep vour

parent(s)/

the loop

guardians in



Plan ahead!

Find out what rigorous classes

you can take as well as those

that offer college credit.

Ready. Set. Grad. interactive college planning website:

KEEP IT UP!

You're on target to be

college- and career-

ready by 12th grade.

Funding for this work is provided as part of the Improving Student Learning at Scale grant opportunity: www.wsac.wa.gov/isls-group

Save money!

Earn college credit and reduce costs

Placement, or other dual-credit options

through Running Start, Advanced

Program

Military