



MISSION: The High School Success Coalition advocates for proven policies that are grounded in racial equity and support every student in Washington to achieve a rigorous high school diploma that prepares them for postsecondary opportunities and to pursue their dreams.

In order to achieve this mission, we focus on priorities that support focused, effective use of funding for evidence-based policies/interventions that specifically support high school students furthest from opportunity, counseling and support for effective transitions to postsecondary opportunities, and the enabling conditions for students to thrive.

In 2023, we urge the state legislature to:

- **Invest in learning acceleration** targeting students who have faced the most significant barriers due to the pandemic.
 - a. Examine ESSER spending to identify most effective learning recovery strategies.
 - b. Direct OSPI to provide guidance to school districts on how to use existing ESSER funds on effective/promising interventions.
 - c. Focus additional investments on culturally responsive strategies that are most promising and/or are addressing learning needs for students who have faced the greatest rates of learning loss
- **Promote dual credit equity** to ensure access to high quality, rigorous coursework that prepares students for post-secondary credentials. In particular we support universal access to dual credit programs by eliminating financial barriers to participation.
- **Support effective student transitions** so that students leave high school with the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue postsecondary credentials. This includes:
 - a. **Develop a digital platform for high school and beyond plans** with funding for implementation, robust community engagement, and access for youth program providers.
 - b. Support strong data collection and analysis of graduation pathways, and adding a **performance-based graduation pathway** that includes ELA and Math proficiency.
 - c. **Sustain and expand ninth grade success teams**, targeting funding for schools who are furthest from the state’s Ninth Grade On-Track average.

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