



High Skills, High Wages 2008-2018
Washington's Strategic Plan for Workforce Development
Eight Strategic Opportunities:

1. Increase high school graduation rates with programs such as *Navigation 101* that provide students with supportive career guidance and planning.
2. Expand career and technical education programs that give students a real-world context for what they learn.
3. Increase the skilled workers Washington businesses need by boosting capacity at community and technical colleges, private career schools, and apprenticeship programs.
4. Expand financial aid to help more low-income Washingtonians reach a "13th year" of education that leads to living wage jobs.
5. Boost the employability of workers through programs that roll basic skills, English language instruction and job skills into one complete package.
6. Focus on industry clusters that drive regional economies so that Washington communities build on their strengths and grow even stronger.
7. Expand workplace based learning, online courses and other flexible education options to help workers move ahead and expand their careers.
8. Continue to identify and remove barriers to employment, education and training so that workers have a clear path to reach their career goals.



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Three Goal Statements:

Youth Goal: Ensure all youth receive the education, training, and support they need for success in postsecondary education and/or work.

Adult Goal: Provide Washington adults (including those with barriers to education and employment) with access to lifelong education, training, and employment services.

Industry Goal: Meet the workforce needs of industry by preparing students, current workers, and dislocated workers with the skills employers need.