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Higher Education Goals

- Access
- Affordability
- Quality
- Transitions

2009 Citizens' Report Card on Washington State Education

GRADE

Invest in early learning.

Ensure every child reads by the third grade.

C+

78%

Raise the bar – for everyone.

Higher expectations yield results.

C+

77%

Focus on math, science and engineering.

Our economy depends on it.

C

75%

Prepare every student for college, work and life.

Create opportunity with college and workforce training.

C-

70%

Fund our future.

More investments, more accountability.

D+

69%

Washington's Leaky Education Pipeline



Of 100 9th graders:



69 graduate from high school on time



33 enter a community college or university



24 return for their sophomore year



17 receive a diploma within 6 years

Source: NCHEMS/IPEDS, 2006

NOTE: The available college going rate is significantly understated and does not include many high school graduates with uncertainty about their enrollment goal and those who took college courses while in high school (through dual enrollment programs like Running Start).



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Improvements

- ↑ SBE adopted new high school graduation requirements, which align with college and workforce standards
- ↑ Increased college participation rates among African Americans
- ↑ Slight increase in CTE programs

Going backwards

- ↓ Annual student debt increased
- ↓ College going rates among Latinos and Native Americans decreased
- ↓ Businesses reported increased difficulty finding qualified workers

No change

- ↔ No change in bachelor's degree completion rates for first-generation, full-time students
- ↔ No significant change in overall college remediation rates

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