

Dual Enrollment/Credit Programs in Washington State

The following programs help teens acquire useful college-level skills and earn college credit while still in high school.

| Program | Description | Location | Advantage | Student Responsibilities | Student Costs |
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| TECH PREP (2+2 or 2+2+2) | A program enabling students to remain in high school and begin a vocational/technical program that leads to a two-year degree or certificate program. | High School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in high school Prepare for vocational/technical career Earn both high school and college credit College credit at little or no cost | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enroll in Tech Prep designated class at the high school Earn a “B” or better in the course | Fees vary by college – minimal to no cost to student. |
| Running Start | A program that allows qualified high school juniors and seniors to attend college classes and earn both high school and college credit at the same time. | College | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accelerated class Earn both high school and college credit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine transferability of college credits Ensure credits apply to high school graduation requirements Must meet application/registration deadlines | Tuition waived, student pays lab fees, textbooks and transportation. |
| College in the High School | A program that allows qualified high school students to take college-level courses within their school and earn both high school and college credit. | High School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in high school Accelerated class Earn both high school and college credit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet college course standards | Variety of fees, including tuition and textbooks. |
| Advanced Placement | Identified courses that prepare high school students to take advanced placement tests, allowing advanced placement and/or credit at the postsecondary level. | High School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in high school Accelerated class Advanced placement and/or college credit granted based on test score | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for testing Meet high academic standard | Test fee |
| International Baccalaureate | Internationally recognized program which offers college credit for students completing a standardized curriculum and culminating exam. | High School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in high school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain high degree of scholarship Apply for testing | Test fee |
| Early College High School | Gates funded initiative that offers a ninth-twelfth grade accelerated learning experience for under prepared students. | High School or College | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential to earn a high school diploma and Associated degree | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined locally | Varies |



TECH PREP *at-a-glance...*

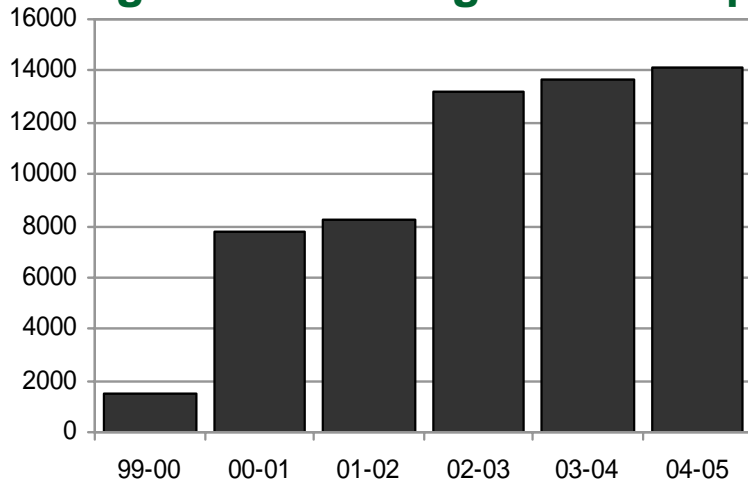
Vision

All Tech Prep students are prepared to succeed in a dynamic and technological world.

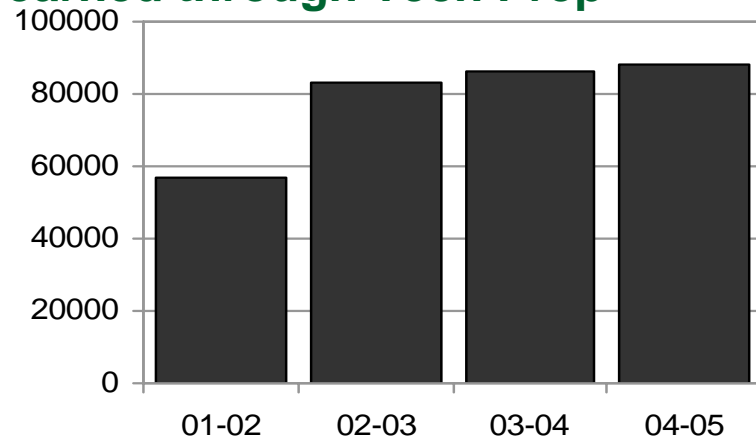
Mission

Tech Prep provides an articulated, coordinated sequence of learning experiences involving partnerships with secondary and postsecondary education, business, labor, government and communities. Tech Prep enables students to successfully transition among different levels of education and careers.

Number of students earning college credit through Tech Prep



Number of college credits earned through Tech Prep



Did you know?

- 14,100 Washington state students earned 88,019 credits through Tech Prep in 2004-05.
- Tech Prep credits contributed a direct savings of \$5.0 million to students and their families in 2004-05.
- Since the state bears almost two-thirds of the cost of postsecondary education for students in Washington State, Tech Prep contributed over \$8.1 million in savings to taxpayers in 2004-05. That's over \$13.1 million saved by the citizens of Washington in 2004-05.
- The average Tech Prep student in 2004-05 earned over 6 credits.
- All 22 Consortia offer some level of the Direct/Dual credit. This process allows students the opportunity to earn both high school AND college credits for course work completed at their high school.

Partnerships for success

- Washington Tech Prep is a 2+2 and a 2+2+2 sequence of study transitioning high school students to postsecondary education.
- There are partnerships with numerous 4 year colleges and universities including public, private and out-of-state institutions.
- All 22 Consortia work with business, education, labor and professional associations. Industry partners discuss needs, workplace competencies, set skill standards and provide work-based learning experiences for students.
- Tech Prep focuses on building agreements in High Wage-High Demand career fields to narrow the skills gap, benefiting students, employers, and communities.