

K-12 education

Jobs for Washington Graduates

\$500,000 General Fund -State

Expands the program to 25 more schools, districts or consortiums from the current total of 43. Jobs for Washington Graduates is an intervention program that supports traditionally vulnerable youth (such as those in foster care, served in the juvenile justice system or who are homeless) and students struggling to stay on track to graduation. The program includes graduation coaches who assist students in applying for jobs, exploring colleges and accessing other postsecondary options.

Core-Plus

\$500,000 GF-S

Expands the program to 10 new sites each year. Core-Plus, now operating in 45 schools statewide, is a direct school-to-career program that aligns school curriculum with the skills employers need while engaging students and motivating them to graduate. Schools partner with businesses in such high-demand industries as aerospace manufacturing, maritime, construction and agricultural mechanics.

Healthiest Next Generation

\$264,000 GF-S

Continues efforts by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the departments of Health and Early Learning related to children's nutrition services, physical education and health services. The agencies coordinate effective policies and programs, and encourage school, community and family involvement through shared information and communication.

CTE course equivalencies

\$250,000 GF-S

Expands career and technical education math and science course equivalency frameworks authorized in state law. This includes developing more equivalency course frameworks, course performance

assessments and professional development for districts implementing the new frameworks. These frameworks are guides that align national and industry standards to state core content standards, performance assessments and other elements. This will expand the options students have to meet the 24-credit graduation requirement.

Language access for parents

\$201,000 GF-S

Requires OSPI to translate essential information about educational services into the major languages spoken by Washington families. This includes translating the materials developed under a 2015–17 budget proviso which requires OSPI to develop materials for families about their rights to language assistance services. Provides funding for ongoing translation needs.

Equity in student discipline

\$170,000 GF-S

Provides a program supervisor to help districts and communities implement evidence-based practices to eliminate disparities, reduce the overall use of exclusionary discipline, and maintain safe and positive school climates. OSPI is directed to work with an external advisory committee to keep track of school and community needs, offer feedback and policy recommendations, and coordinate efforts.

Higher education

MESA community college program

\$450,000 GF-S

Brings six Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement pilot program sites to scale. MESA improves student math outcomes, degree completion rates and educational attainment, resulting in more underrepresented students entering careers in engineering and technology. With these resources, MESA will reach 350 more community college students.

MESA pre-college program

\$250,000 GF-5

Expands the MESA pre-college program to reach 1,000 11th- and 12th-grade students in six regional centers with college readiness services to help with the critical transition to college. Maintains MESA services at the First Nations Center in Yakima Valley.

Governor's STEM Alliance

\$200,000 GF-5

Builds on progress made by the Governor's STEM Education Innovation Alliance to better align higher education programs and career training systems with the workforce needs of Washington's technology-driven economy. The alliance will continue development of a STEM talent supply-and-demand dashboard to give business leaders and regional network partners the ability to track the effects of STEM education and workforce initiatives against a common set of indicators. These funds will allow work to continue in fiscal year 2017, when a National Governors Association grant ends.