

# Bridge to College Transition Courses

More than one-third of all students will be required to enroll in pre-college courses once they enter college, costing them time and money.

Developed by high school and college educators, Bridge to College transition courses in English and math will help students avoid these precollege courses and give students the skills and knowledge to succeed in college-level work.

These engaging, hands-on courses are in nearly 200 high schools across Washington. They provide an alternative to taking placement tests and the ability to automatically enroll in college-level courses in math or English at any one of Washington's 34 community and technical colleges and Eastern Washington University.

## Preparing High School Students for College-level Work



## Bridge to College Courses in High School

The courses are designed to serve students who score below “college-ready” on their Smarter Balanced test, are interested in attending college, and need extra support to prepare them to take college level math and English courses.

After students receive their Smarter Balanced scores they should check in with a school counselor to see if their school offers a Bridge to College course. If the course is offered, the counselor can help them enroll for their senior year.

- » **The English language arts course** develops a student's skills in critical reading, academic writing, speaking and listening, research and inquiry and language.
- » **The math course** builds on a range of skills they've learned throughout high school, including algebra I, geometry and algebra II, focusing on helping students succeed in college level math.

## Using the Bridge to College Courses in College

High school students who earn a B or better in the courses and then begin college the year following graduation, will be placed directly into a college-level math (not on a calculus or STEM pathway) or English composition course.

They will not have to take a placement test or enroll in pre-college courses. To make sure they are able to use the Bridge to College course for placement, students should have:

- » **A copy of a high school transcript** ready to show a college admissions counselor once a student has been admitted to any participating Washington college.

If you don't have a copy of your transcript, contact your school's counseling center to see if the information could be provided directly to the college, or if available, download and/or print the information from your electronic academic information system (e.g., Skyward) and share with the college staff.



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