



CLASS OF 2020 RESOURCE PAGE

Our Mission – To inspire and challenge active learners to positively impact a changing world.

This will be the final resource page for our Class of 2020.

CLASS OF 2020 RESOURCES

We are working to put together information to help our seniors both with finishing this spring and in preparation for what each senior is doing after high school.

If you have resources to share or need information that is not on here, please email your counselor and we will work to add resources to this site.

Information is provided in the following categories

- MHS Spring 2020 Info
- College Info
- Financial Aid Info
- Scholarships
- Career / Job Info

MHS SPRING 2020 INFO

Ordering Transcripts

To order transcripts, go to

- <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/25174/account> OR
- the Meridian High School website. Under Families and Students/Resources you will find Order Transcripts through Parchment.

If you do not know your code to set up a profile please contact Mrs. Brinkman at rbrinkman@meridian.wednet.edu Remember that you will need to order one sent to your college or university at the end of the year. They will go out after all grades are posted.

COLLEGE INFO

Information from the Washington Student Achievement Council

Class of 2020, set aside time this summer to consider options and prepare

It's common for graduating seniors to lose momentum during summer break, and with all that's going on in the world, this year will be even more challenging than usual. But don't let uncertainty about the coming months derail your hopes and dreams for the future. Take time this summer to reflect on what you want life to look like down the road.

- Washington GEAR UP's **Graduate Handbook** provides next steps for recent high school graduates, including a to-do list, info about college course types, an overview of transfer options, and more.
- Considering taking a year off due to COVID-19? Before you make a decision, here's [what high school seniors should know about taking a gap year](#) or deferring enrollment.
- Parents and families can help! Review the [Family Guide: Supporting Your Child After High School](#). Learn how to support graduates as they prepare for and complete their first year in college. The [family guide is available in eight languages](#).

Stay on track and [plan your future](#) on the Washington Student Achievement Council website.

Washington Public Four-Year College & Universities COVID-19 FAQ

The link provides questions and answers concerning fall 2020 admissions, fall 2020 transfer applicants, financial aid, info for prospective students and contact information <https://councilofpresidents.org/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information-resources/washington-public-four-year-college-universities-covid-19-faq/>

BTC Virtual Info Session

Click [HERE](#) to register

BTC Next Steps: find a helpful chart [HERE](#)

College Virtual Tours - tinyurl.com/u768vby

- [Verto Spring Virtual College Fair](#)
- <https://www.ecampustours.com/>
- <https://campustours.com/>
- <https://www.youvisit.com/colledesearch/>

NACAC offers online information to help students understand the college admissions status during the COVID-19 response: <https://www.nacacnet.org/college-admission-status-coronavirus>.

NCAA Information

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/open-letter-ncaa-student-athletes>

College Planning - [Cappex](#)

University of Washington admissions page - <https://admit.washington.edu/covid-19/>

Whatcom Community College

WCC Video Message - https://www.icloud.com/attachment/?u=https%3A%2F%2Fcvws.icloud-content.com%2FB%2FAeM2_XPHbFGw0Eg-M-1Afp9QCTDLAcPRzJfxq5Yo5m3QUzSI45L7KTce%2F%24%7Bf%7D%3Fo%3DAuBSmU-L9Mc5jZSOlp5fKvCtXo659wr509snoGUj801T%26v%3D1%26x%3D3%26a%3DCAogiviKaDN7gwaKCjCruM-3nj_uVJqh_FKk4bgvU2UnQQA5dxCyi4vipy4Ysp-GtrEulgEAKqgByAD_KpSPAllEUakwy1oE-yk3HmomZTaYJD1XZQkjbkPi7I2PJqvvMihJdrN4ZF4VVvY2Xd5DT8-45GRyJvWps0bE_ulxks2o5vMpE3Es4ep6yc7XWprEfRnO8w9DXcmXYenX%26e%3D1593814650%26fl%3D%26r%3D66B30043-6C4B-49DF-B164-E76C182E8825-1%26k%3D%24%7Buk%7D%26ckc%3Dcom.apple.largeattachment%26ckz%3D5358CD0B-71BB-4D52-BD70-C9D5A38F5DB4%26p%3D64%26s%3D0CcXomNsndLXRcFQum537zHjio&uk=LOLqDEPINciDHMF7GrHyrQ&f=IMG_2800.MOV&sz=85685089

WCC attachment - <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=b15501a054&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1668672212632708184&th=172850895089a458&view=att&disp=safe>

English and Math Placement

Contact - Carmen Green, cgreen@whatcom.edu | 360.383.3002 | *ZOOM appointments available!*

www.instagram.com/outreachwcc

ENGLISH

Students who have applied to WCC, who have a Student ID Number and access to their [MyWCC](#) student portal can still do the [Informed Self Placement for English here](#).

Students who are having trouble accessing the ISP for English, or who would prefer to work directly with me for English Placement, can use the attached document titled [English Placement Guidance for student](#).

- This document provides descriptions of each English Course offered
- Students will simply choose a class and email me (cgreen@whatcom.edu) with that choice and I will enter their placement choice manually

MATH

Because we can no longer host on-campus proctored Math Placement Tests at this time, [students can work directly with me to select](#) a Math Placement.

- The philosophy right now is to simplify the process for students, and to provide them with the autonomy to make a good choice.
 - § Students who have applied to WCC, who have a Student ID Number and access to their [MyWCC](#) student portal may want to take a *PRACTICE* ALEKS Math Placement Test *independently from home* for their own understanding of their math abilities, and how they align with WCC math courses.
 - § Students can also use the attached document titled [Math Placement via Transcripts All High Schools](#) to see what course their most recent grade in their most recent math class places them into.
 - § Students can also use the attached document titled [Math Course Descriptions](#) to get a sense of what each math class at WCC entails, and make a decision based on that information.
- With one/a combination of the three measure above, students must simply email me (cgreen@whatcom.edu) with their Math Placement choice and I will enter their placement manually
- If students are unsure about what course would be the best fit for them, I can help them use the tools attached to make a strong choice. We can connect via EMAIL, PHONE, or ZOOM

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid Appeals - Colleges May Adjust Financial Aid Based on Change in Circumstances

If someone in your family has lost a job or is working less, colleges may be able to provide more financial aid. Colleges may **adjust financial aid** based on a student's or parent's job loss, reduced income, loss of benefits (like child support), or even extraordinary medical or dental bills. Each situation is different, and colleges' requirements vary, so students should contact the financial aid office to talk about options:

- If you've already filed a 2020-21 FAFSA or WASFA, talk to the financial aid office about your situation.
- If you haven't applied for financial aid, it's not too late. **Submit your application**, then follow up with the college to discuss changes.

Learn more about **financial aid appeals** and **planning for the future** during COVID on the Washington Student Achievement Council website.

Don't let financial aid myths limit your options for the future

Think you can't afford college or career education? Financial aid helps many students pay for education after high school, and more families in Washington are now eligible. Even if you didn't qualify before, you might now!

Myth #1: My parents make too much money, so I won't qualify for financial aid.

Fact: Applying for financial aid is the only way to know for sure whether you qualify. With the new Washington College Grant, an eligible student from a family of four making up to around \$97,000 per year can receive some money for their education.

Myth #2: Financial aid only pays for universities. That takes four years—I need to start working now.

Fact: Financial aid can be used for many types of full-time or part-time education, including career and technical schools, community colleges, some apprenticeships, and yes, universities too. You have options!

Myth #3: I can't apply for financial aid, because I don't know what I'm going to do after high school.

Fact: You can complete a FAFSA or WASFA financial aid application before applying for college or training. You can make your final choice about whether and where to go later, knowing more about what you can afford.

Learn more and apply for financial aid on the Washington Student Achievement Council website.

Swift Student- tool to help students write for appeal based on special circumstances i.e. change in income due to Covid 19. <https://formswift.com/swift-student>

The FAFSA opens Oct.1 each year. Fill it out as soon as possible. We will have a FAFSA help night each fall.

www.fafsa.org (for U.S. citizens)

<http://www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa> (for non-citizens)

OTTER" Chatbox Provides Student Support and Financial Aid Info

Otterbot is a free texting service designed to help Washington high school seniors navigate financial aid for college and career education.

- Students can access Otterbot via text message 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by text texting "Hi Otter" to 360-928-7281.
- Otter sends periodic messages with financial aid information, resources, and deadlines.
- Students can text Otter with questions about financial aid, college planning, and more.

For more info please visit www.wsac.wa.gov/otterbot.

Attention Prospective College Bound Scholars Recipients you must complete the FAFSA or WASFA (undocumented student) to receive aid. www.fafsa.gov
Reminder all seniors should apply!

CAREER / JOB INFO

Explore your options post high school <https://compass.wsac.wa.gov/>

For students who want to explore military career option in any of the branches www.careerinthemilitary.com

Every day at 3:30pm, starting May 4th, students can engage in 30-45 minute live sessions hosted via Zoom and live streamed on YouTube. Students will hear about Washington-based jobs that might align with their interests and goals, and engage in employer-created challenges. Information and recordings of previous discussions will be posted at [CareerConnect@Home](#).

Each week there is a different theme and different companies that will be sharing information about their jobs and answering students' questions.

Sample Resumes - <https://www.thebalancecareers.com/high-school-resume-examples-and-writing-tips-2063554>

Reume Tips - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1x9bvg4A0zEgSzUPX-cTFsDKIewsqocK_mMJ68iTVxVk/edit#slide=id.p

Resume Builder - [Resume Builder](#)

Career Planning & Research
[Career Information & Links](#)
[Washington Career Bridge](#)

Career Search
[Worksource](#) – community resource for job-related information (resume help, job searches, etc.)
[MyNextMove](#) – career searches, surveys
[Washington Dept. of Labor](#) - apprenticeships
[Jobs in Health Care](#)