

Summary: Dual Enrollment Scholarship Pilot – College in the High School (CiHS) Component

Summary of the CiHS component of the program:

The 2019 Legislature passed [House Bill 1973](#) establishing the Dual Enrollment Scholarship pilot program to be administered by the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC). The legislation outlined the following guidelines for program design and implementation for the CiHS component of the bill:

- To be eligible, students must qualify for free or reduced-price lunch (FRPL), be enrolled in at least one CiHS course, and have a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- The scholarship covers CiHS tuition fees for eligible students.

The goals of the program are to:

- Increase the number of low-income students enrolling in CiHS courses,
- Increase the number of low-income students who receive college credit when participating in a CiHS course, and
- Eliminate the financial barriers that exist within the current system of college credit awarding.

Funding details:

- CiHS scholarships will be awarded directly to high schools for a two-year period.
- The scholarship will cover all CiHS tuition fees for eligible students.
- There is no credit limit for participating students.
- Every eligible student enrolled in the CiHS program at the participating high school must be offered the scholarship. Eligible students will be:
 - in grades 10-12,
 - FRPL eligible,
 - enrolled in at least one CiHS course,
 - and have at least a 2.0 GPA.
- WSAC will distribute funds to the participating high schools. High schools or districts will pay the tuition fees for all eligible students directly to their IHE partners.
- Specific information regarding the funding distribution process will be discussed with schools selected to participate.

Eligibility for High Schools

To be eligible to apply, CiHS sites must be high schools that have at least 40% FRPL population; have applied for the OSPI subsidy in 2018-19, 2019-20, or both; and will not be receiving an OSPI subsidy in 2019-20. WSAC has informed the identified schools that they are eligible to apply through the contact listed on their OSPI subsidy application and the school principal. Please note that the application process for the pilot program is competitive, and that an invitation to apply is not a guarantee of funding. Applicants will be scored on demonstrated strength in four areas:

- Partnerships
- Leadership
- Capacity
- Equity

Additional CiHS Info:

- Participating high schools will be responsible for verifying student eligibility and for fulfilling reporting responsibilities.

Running Start Component:

- This legislation also includes a Running Start (RS) component to provide book vouchers and additional course fee funds to low-income students enrolled in RS.
- RS scholarships will be awarded to institutions of higher education for a two-year period.
- RS pilot locations will be invited to participate based off of WSAC analysis of student participation data and will NOT have to go through an application process.
- More information will be available in October 2019, with program launch planned for January 2020.