

## Options for High School Age Students

Below is a list of educational & job training program options designed to keep students engaged in school or the workforce. Please note: We provide this information as a courtesy but are not responsible for the content as programs or program eligibility may change.

### Choice High Schools within Lake Washington School District

- Emerson High School please call (425)828-3289 for more information or visit <http://emhs.lwsd.org/>
- Futures School (located at Juanita High School) please call (425)823-7635 for more information or visit <https://futures.lwsd.org/>

### Home Schooling

- Emerson K-12 please call (425)936-2311 for more information or visit <https://emersonk12.lwsd.org/>

### Within many school districts, students have the option to participate in technical programs such as:

- **WaNIC:** The Washington Network for Innovative Careers is a regional skills center cooperative of seven school districts in Northeast Puget Sound: Bellevue, Issaquah, Lake Washington, Mercer Island, Northshore, Riverview and Snoqualmie Valley. This program prepares students for post-secondary education and successful entry into high-skill, high demanding careers and employment. Classes are held on campus or in businesses in the community: <http://wanic.org/>
- **Tech Prep:** Students take classes in their high school and earn dual credit for career and technical education (CTE) courses articulated to college programs. All of the state's 34 community and technical colleges are partners to Tech Prep. Typically, a student begins his or her Tech Prep program of study in 9th grade, and can link two or more years of high school with at least two years of college. <http://www.techprepcc.org/>
- **Occupational Skills Centers:** Skill Centers offer vocational training for all students, including those without a high school diploma. There is also a program called Vital that helps students work on their diploma while in an occupational field of interest. Find the skills center closest to you by visiting the following websites: <http://www.hsd401.org> (seatac) or <http://snoisletech.com/> (sno-isle)
- **Running Start:** Students in high school who have qualifying placement scores may consider this option offered by most community and technical colleges. In this program, a student enrolled in their local high school or district can earn up to 15 college credits tuition free per quarter while continuing to work on high school graduation requirements.

### Other Washington State community and technical colleges also offer high school age programs. Some examples:

- **Bellevue College CEO program:** The Career Education Options program is designed for students ages 16-20, without a high school diploma, to receive education and job skills at BC. This program provides students with a second chance at their education, and will provide tools to succeed in the college environment. It is designed to provide students with an opportunity to work towards a college certificate or AA degree from Bellevue College in a select professional-technical program. While the CEO Program does not grant a high school diploma or GED, it is possible to attain a Washington State High School Diploma if a student is 21 and earns an Associate's Degree. <http://bellevuecollege.edu/ceo/>
- **Lake Washington Institute of Technology Open Doors program:** The Open Doors program is for 16-20 year olds without a high school diploma. Students simultaneously accumulate high school and college credits, earning their high school diploma while progressing toward a certificate or associate degree. Students selected to participate in the Open Doors program will receive a scholarship for tuition and books. <http://www.lwtech.edu/academics/high-school/open-doors>

- **Edmonds Community College EdCAP:** provides young adults (16-21) with an opportunity to earn a high school diploma in a college environment, where they have the option to explore classes in a technical program. Tuition and books are provided at no cost to the student: <http://www.edcc.edu/programs/deved/edcap/default.html>
- **Shoreline Community College CEO program:** Designed to provide students an opportunity to work towards a college certificate or associate degree from Shoreline Community College while earning credits toward a high school diploma. While enrolled as a CEO student, you may also work toward a GED but it is not a requirement. [www.shoreline.edu/ceo](http://www.shoreline.edu/ceo)

**Online High School Completion Courses: Be sure when selecting online courses that the institution is accredited by the state and the courses are taught by state certified teachers. Some to consider are:**

- **Insight School:** Insight Schools is the nation's leading network of online public high schools offering a full-time curriculum, state-certified teachers and a diploma recognized by colleges and universities nationally. Insight Schools is different because it brings a tuition-free individualized high school experience within reach in an online environment. <http://wa.insightschools.net/>
- **iQ Academy:** is an accredited, tuition free full-time online school currently enrolling students in grades 6 through 12. Online courses utilize multimedia and interactivity to make learning engaging and effective. Weekly online instruction and support is provided by state certified teachers. High school graduates earn diplomas accepted at colleges and technical schools throughout the U.S.: <http://iqwa.k12start.com/>
- **Washington Virtual Academy:** The Washington Virtual Academies uses curriculum and services provided by K12 programs of Monroe Public Schools (grades 9-12) and Omak School District (grades K–12) that allow learning to happen at home, on the road, or wherever an Internet connection can be found. While attendance, teacher interaction, and daily lessons are conducted online, their lessons use physical materials and offline tools as well. For high school, WAVA uses the K<sup>12</sup> high school program from K<sup>12</sup>. Whether targeting a top-tier, 4-year university, a local community college, or an immediate career, WAVA prepares students to maximize their post-high school success through a K12 high school <http://www.wava.org>
- **APEX Learning:** <https://www.apexlearning.com/>
- **BYU Independent Study Online:** <https://is.byu.edu/site/courses/index.cfm>
- **Keystone High School Online:** <http://keystoneschoolonline.com>

**Other Options:**

- **Private schools:** Many private schools offer small learning communities and creative and flexible programs. One example is Chrysalis School in Woodinville. <http://www.chrysalis-school.com/> Another web site that may be a good resource for locating options is <http://washington.educationbug.org/private-schools/>
- **Job Corps** is a vocational program for youth 16-24. Students can attend one of ten centers in Washington and Idaho. The program offers students the opportunity to learn a trade, earn a high school diploma or GED and get help finding a good job. This is a free program serving ages 16+ years. The nearest center to us is in Sedro-Woolley, WA. <https://recruiting.jobcorps.gov/Home/Locations/WA>
- **Northwest Liberty School:** Is a private accredited school located in Woodinville. <http://www.northwestlibertyschool.org>
- **Washington Youth Academy** is part of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program. WYA is a state-run residential and post residential program for 16-18 year olds who have dropped out, or are at risk of dropping out of high school. Students are able to earn their high school diploma or GED while in the program. <https://mil.wa.gov/youth-academy>
- **Adult High School Diploma from LWIT and other community and technical colleges:** Adults (18 years and older) who did not complete high school may obtain an Adult High School diploma through community and technical colleges. Transcripts of completed credits from all schools attended are submitted to the college for approval. This high school diploma meets the graduation requirements of the State of Washington and is issued through

the college. [www.lwtech.edu](http://www.lwtech.edu) On the LWIT website, type in Search box "Adult High School Diploma". Some colleges offer a tuition discount, however LWTC does not.

- **Adult paying student:** Students who are at least 18 years of age may choose to enroll directly at a community or technical college as a self-paying adult. A high school diploma is not required to enroll in community or technical colleges once a student is at least 18.
- **Underage Enrollment at LWIT:** Students who qualify, are at least 14 and at least in the 9th grade when the quarter begins may apply to take one class each quarter. Students pay full tuition. For more information, contact the LWTC High School Office at 425-739-8107.
- Students can also research career or job opportunities using LWIT's Employment Resource Center: <http://www.lwtech.edu/campus-life/employment-resource-center/>

## Internship

- **Year Up** is a one-year, intensive training & support program that provides urban young adults 18-24, with a unique combination of technical and professional skills, college credits, an educational stipend and a corporate internship. Students must have low to moderate income, have the legal right to work in the US, and be available 5 days a week for the full year of the program. The first six months of the program focuses on technical and professional skill building, while the second six months procures on applying these skills through paid corporate internships. New students are admitted in March and September. Students must have a GED or high school diploma to be eligible. For more information visit [www.yearup.org](http://www.yearup.org) or call (206) 441-4465.

**High School Equivalency Certificate:** Is possible through completion of a series of tests developed by the American Council on Education to enable persons to obtain the equivalency of a high school diploma. All students under the age of 19 will need to obtain a release from their school district in order to test for the certificate.

- **Preparation and Testing at Lake Washington Institute of Technology**
  - **Preparation Courses:** please visit <http://www.lwtech.edu/admissions/assessment/tests-services/> or call (425)739-8107
  - **Testing:** both in English and Spanish is offered through the assessment center for more information please call (425)739-8115
- **Preparation and Testing at Bellevue College**
  - **Preparation Courses:** for English and Spanish speaking students please visit <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/abe/classes/ged/> or call (425) 564-2341
  - **Testing:** please visit <http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/testing/ged/>