

WASHINGTON STATE
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA



FLEXIBLE. MEANINGFUL. ACHIEVABLE.

At every stage of their education, students are exposed to academically and personally relevant classes that will help prepare them for life after high school.

Whether deciding to pursue a career as a doctor or a machinist, serve in the military or enter the technology sector, Washington State students have numerous career choices post-high school. The Washington State High School Diploma provides students with the skills and knowledge needed to pursue their dreams and demonstrate that no matter what path they pursue after high school, they are ready for work, continued education, and other opportunities.

Students take 17 foundational credits in math, English, science, social studies, arts, physical education, and career and technical education. They also take seven elective credits including three personalized pathway credits, which are aligned to the student's career goals and their High School and Beyond Plan.



HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN

As part of their graduation requirements, all Washington State students develop a High School and Beyond Plan. Students outline how they will meet the high school graduation requirements and what they want to do after graduation. Students begin developing their plan in middle school. A student then adjusts their plan throughout their high school journey, based on changing interests and goals.

RESOURCES FOR PLANNING A STUDENT'S FUTURE AFTER GRADUATION INCLUDE:

- **Career Bridge**, a searchable database of career educational requirements and anticipated salaries: www.careerbridge.wa.gov
- **Ready Set Grad**: Higher education and planning resources for grades 6-12: readyssetgrad.wa.gov
- Washington's Labor & Industries' apprenticeship program tool: www.lni.wa.gov



Hello,
my name is
Gada M. Ahmed

High School: I attended Franklin high school, where a friend encouraged me to explore Core Plus Aerospace because I've always been drawn to working with my hands. I also took Running Start classes at Seattle Central College and Green River College.

Post-High School: Immediately after finishing Core Plus Aerospace, Boeing offered me a job. The work at Boeing excited me, so I accepted the offer. I'm currently finishing a course requirement for an Aviation Maintenance Technical position offered through and paid for by Boeing.

Career Goals: My goal is to obtain my Aeronautics and Astronautics Degree from the University of Washington and attain additional pilot ratings to be a test pilot at Boeing.

DETAILS

Age: 19

My Background: I was born in Ethiopia and raised in Kenya. When I was 16, my family moved to the U.S.

Where I Live: Seattle

Advice: Investigate courses like Core Plus Aerospace early and learn more about career opportunities that interest you.

GADA'S PATHWAY

