

WAC 392-725-325 College in the high school state funded subsidies. Pursuant to RCW 28A.600.290, state funded subsidies may be available to pay the cost of college in the high school fees for specific eligible eleventh or twelfth grade students only enrolled in college in the high school courses provided by institutions of higher education that meet the definition in RCW 28B.10.016, or a public tribal college located in Washington as noted in RCW 28A.600.290 (7)(a), and for the limited amount provided in subsection (2) of this section. Public institutions of higher education that are outside of the state of Washington or private institutions of higher education do not qualify for the state funded subsidies.

(1) Prioritization of the available college in the high school state-funded subsidies will be allocated as provided under RCW 28A.600.290.

(2) Limitation of college in the high school state-funded subsidies are provided under RCW 28A.600.290.

(3) The office of superintendent of public instruction will provide an application process that districts, charter schools, and tribal compact schools will use to apply annually for the college in the high school state-funded subsidies.

(a) Districts, charter schools, and tribal compact schools will apply by July 1st for the new school year's subsidies.

(b) The office of superintendent of public instruction will notify districts, charter schools, and tribal compact schools by September 1st the amount of subsidies awarded for the new school year.

(c) Through the application process, districts, charter schools, and tribal compact schools will provide a list of college in the high school courses per high school for the new school year. The award of subsidies will be limited to the courses provided in the application and subsequent course/enrollment updates.

(d) The list of college in the high school courses will contain the amount of college quarter credits awarded for each course. For this section only, college semester credits will be converted into quarter credits by multiplying the semester credits by 1.5 and rounding up to the nearest whole credit.

(e) Districts, charter schools, and tribal compact schools will provide an estimate of eligible students expected to receive the subsidies within the per student credit limitation provided in the Omnibus Appropriations Act.

(4) High schools may submit changes to the course offering list, and/or update estimate of eligible eleventh and twelfth grade students expected to qualify for subsidy. A school may submit no more than three updates per academic year.

(a) Updated requests cannot exceed original subsidy award.

(b) Additional funds may be awarded to a school that has reached its maximum award only if other schools have failed to use their original subsidy amount.

(5) High schools participating in the college in the high school subsidy will report actual student participation counts at the midpoint of each high school term to the office of superintendent of public instruction. Failure to provide participant counts may result in the school's loss of future subsidies for the current academic year.

(6) Reimbursement of the college in the high school state-funded subsidies will occur as follows:

(a) College in the high school state-funded subsidies for college in the high school will be allocated at minimum sixty-five dollars per quarter credits.

(b) Starting with the 2019 calendar year, and every four years after, the funding level for the college in the high school state-funded subsidies will be reviewed by the office of superintendent of public instruction, the student achievement council, the state board for community and technical colleges, and the council of presidents representing the public baccalaureate institutions and a recommendation will be made to the legislature when an increase to the funding level of the college in the high school state funded subsidies is warranted.

(c) The college in the high school state-funded subsidies will be paid after the completion of the course.

(d) Districts, charter schools, and tribal compact schools with high schools eligible for the college in the high school state-funded subsidies will submit a request for payment of subsidies form to the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The request for payment will include the actual number of completed credits for eligible eleventh and twelfth grade students who have not exceeded the credit limitation pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

(e) The office of the superintendent of public instruction will review the request for payment of subsidies form and fund the reporting district, charter school, and tribal compact school one hundred percent of the approved college in the high school subsidies on the following monthly apportionment payment.

(f) One hundred percent of the subsidies generated will be forwarded to the participating institution of higher education that provided the college in the high school program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.290. WSR 19-12-049, § 392-725-325, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19; WSR 17-21-001, § 392-725-325, filed 10/5/17, effective 11/5/17; WSR 16-14-030, § 392-725-325, filed 6/27/16, effective 7/28/16.]