# College Bound High School Practitioner Checklist

**School Year:** 2024-2025

School:

## **Understand College Bound**

- O Explore <u>WSAC College Bound Website</u>
- O Review FAQs for School Staff and College Access Professionals
- O Review FAQs for Students and Families
- O Watch the most recent CSF <u>CB Webinar Series</u> and WSAC <u>College Bound Updates Webinar</u>

## **Responsibilities of Schools**

- Have families fill out the <u>CNEEB application for your district</u> to ensure eligible students are enrolled in College Bound before completing 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- O Request Access to the WSAC College Bound Portal
  - Email <u>collegebound@wsac.wa.gov</u> with your name, title, school, district and office phone number
- **O** Update student contact information in the College Bound Portal on a monthly basis
  - Follow Bulk Update steps in the <u>Video Walkthrough</u>
  - Review <u>FAQs for Portal Users</u>
- O Use <u>WSAC Website Template</u> to update College Bound information on your school site
- O Sign up for <u>WSAC Newsletter</u> to stay up to date on College Bound
- Understand Washington state law (<u>SB5243</u>) that mandates that students receive information about College Bound as a part of their High School and Beyond Plan

## **Promote College Bound**

#### Marketing

- O Order FREE College Bound promotional materials
- Mail/Email<u>the WSAC Student Confirmation Letter</u> to enrolled students and families
  Available in <u>English</u>, <u>Russian</u>, <u>Somali</u>, <u>Spanish</u>, and <u>Vietnamese</u>
- Present the College Bound Video Series to students and families (available in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>) and use the video student learning outcomes & discussion questions (available in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>)
- **O** Utilize High School Intro Flyers in 13 languages:
  - <u>English, Arabic, Chinese, Dari/Farsi, Korean, Marshallese, Pashto, Punjabi, Russian,</u> <u>Somali, Spanish, Ukrainian, & Vietnamese</u>

## Host College Bound Sessions

- O In the Classroom
  - Utilize Create Your Future with College Bound materials
- O Student & Family Nights
  - Reference the Student and Family Presentation (available in English and Spanish)

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# **Recruit a College Bound Team**

#### Build a Team

- Recruit Counselors, Principals, Teachers, Family Engagement Coordinators, School Social Workers, Data Administrators, etc. to create a network of support at your site
- O Have each member review the "Understanding College Bound" section of this checklist

#### Strategize

- O Meet a few times a year to delegate roles
- Create a support plan for the College Bound students at your school site

### **Expand Portal Access**

- O Have each member request access to the <u>WSAC College Bound Portal</u>
  - Email <u>collegebound@wsac.wa.gov</u> with your name, title, school, district and office phone number

### Connect with your College Bound Regional Officer (CBRO)

- O Identify your designated CBRO and reach out via email to set up an introductory meeting
- O Determine which CBRO service offering best fits your site needs:
  - Staff training, portal navigation, students and family event support, student-facing presentations, etc.
- O Sign up for your CBRO's newsletter

# **Prepare Students to be College Bound**

#### **College & Career Exploration**

- O Utilize Create Your Future with College Bound materials in the classroom with students
  - Worksheets for Students
  - Educator Notes
- O Use <u>College and Career Knowledge Booklets</u>
  - Lesson Plans and Educator Notes

## Financial Aid

- **O** Utilize the Access to College Bound handout
  - Available in <u>English</u>, <u>Arabic</u>, <u>Chinese</u>, <u>Dari/Farsi</u>, <u>Korean</u>, <u>Marshallese</u>, <u>Pashto</u>, <u>Punjabi</u>, <u>Russian</u>, <u>Somali</u>, <u>Spanish</u>, <u>Ukrainian</u>, and <u>Vietnamese</u>.
- **O** Understand <u>maximum award amounts for College Bound</u> (combines with WCG)
- O Have students sign up for <u>Otterbot Texting Service</u> for financial aid and college planning support
- O Email FAFSA@wsac.wa.gov for access to the FAFSA Completion Portal

