



Education/Workforce Pathway Pilot

1. Purpose:

Funding is provided for the Northwest Career and Technical Academy, hosted by the Mount Vernon School District, to develop a workforce pilot program in collaboration with Skagit Community College and other local employer and industry groups.

2. Description of services provided:

The pilot program must establish a pathway that includes high schools, skills centers, community and technical colleges, and employers that results in students earning a high school diploma and an associate in technical arts degree, while maintaining summer employment. The pilot program must provide dual credit for participants, be aligned to high school graduation requirements, and provide opportunities for credit leading to a college credential. The pathway program must also be designed to provide participants with an associates degree attainment.

3. Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:

The legislature directed the pilot program to be established by the Northwest Career and Technical Academy. OSPI provided a grant to Mount Vernon School District to develop and implement a workforce pilot program at their local skill center.

Beneficiaries in the 2022-23 School Year:

Number of School Districts:	1
Number of Schools:	N/A
Number of Students:	N/A
Number of Educators:	N/A
Other:	N/A

4. Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?

No

5. State funding history:

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2023	\$250,000	\$250,000



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6. Number of beneficiaries (e.g., school districts, schools, students, educators, other) history:

Fiscal Year	Number of Districts
FY 23	1

7. Programmatic changes since inception (if any):

This pilot program was first funded in FY 23.

8. Program evaluation or evaluation of major findings:

Funding for this pilot was utilized for 2.0 FTE classified project managers focused on industry and credit (CTE/workforce/academic). Additionally, funding was provided for staff collaboration time, instructional resources to support coursework, and contracted services with Skagit Valley College faculty and college credit fees for student participants.

9. Major challenges faced by the program:

The pilot was proposed as a multi-year pilot but was initially only funded during FY 23. For the pilot to be implemented and serve participants, multi-year funding and pilot evaluation will be necessary.

10. Future opportunities:

The legislature continued funding this pilot program which will give further implementation time to Mount Vernon School District and more time to evaluate the effectiveness and outcomes of this pilot program.

11. Statutory and/or budget language:

\$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 is provided solely for an education and workforce pathway pilot program at the northwest career and technical academy. The pilot program will oversee a pathway including high schools, skills centers, community and technical colleges, and employers that results in students earning a high school diploma and an associate in technical arts degree, while maintaining summer employment.

12. Other relevant information:

N/A



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13. Schools/districts receiving assistance:

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