

# YEAR-END REPORT



**CAREER  
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**2021-2022**

# 2021-2022 REPORT

## IMPACTS

The 2021-22 school year was the first year implementing our Regional Network's Three Year Strategic Plan, with a refreshed Vision, Mission and Goals.

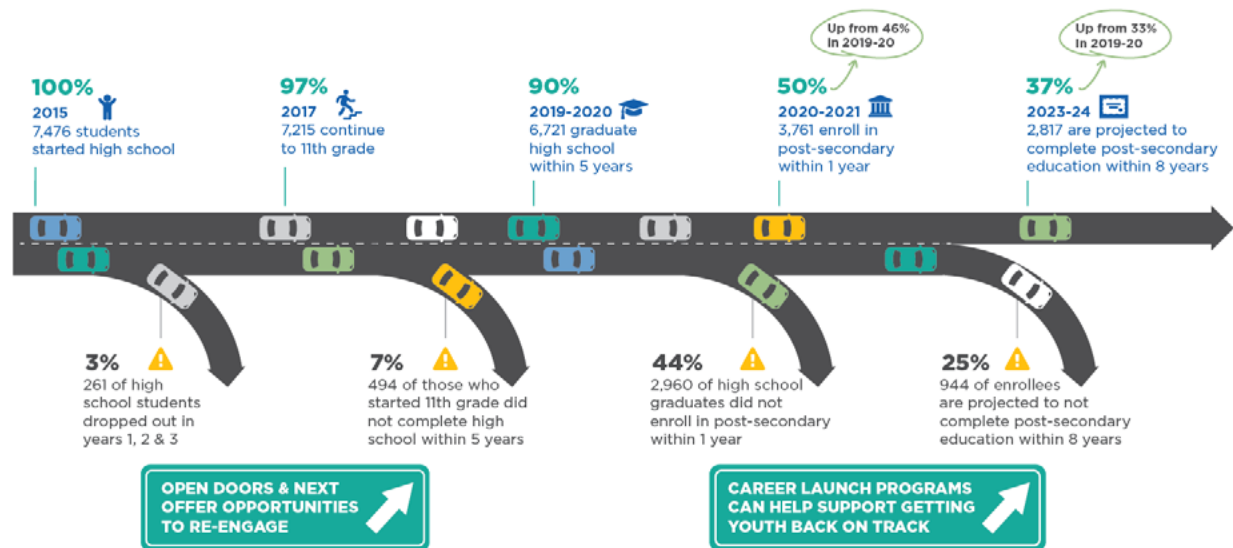
By the end of the 2023-24 school year our network will create the conditions to...

1. Increase the percentage of Southwest Washington graduating seniors who enroll in a post-secondary program within one year of graduation from 46% to 60%, and align career pathways that streamline dual credit opportunities and transition to post-secondary training in high-demand industry sectors thereby increasing credential attainment from 33% to 56%.

**Network Highlights:** Five Career Pathway Work Groups and Tools were designed to support Counselors, Teachers, Families and Students in navigating course work, dual credit, exploration and prep activities that lead into post-secondary credentials.

**Progress:** Post secondary enrollment rose by 4% for the graduating class of 2020—37% are projected to complete their credential within 8 years.

### Roadway to Post-Secondary Education IN THE ESD 112 REGION



▲ 79% of family wage jobs in our region require a credential beyond a high school diploma

Sources: ERDC, OSPI Washington STEM



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The graphic on the previous page shows the story of how students move along the pathway from school to work, where they may veer off of that road, and the opportunities we have to guide them toward on-ramps. For the current cohort of students (entered high school in 2014-15), outcomes are slowly improving for post-secondary credential enrollment and attainment. (Post-secondary enrollment includes any credential beyond high school.)

2. Increase participation in Network activities such that students in every district have an opportunity to engage, resulting in 8,000 students reached per year, and doubling the participation for students who are currently the most underserved in Career Exploration and Prep. Align the enrollment of underrepresented groups in Career Launch to meet or exceed regional demographics.

**Network Highlights:** Participation in Network-driven Exploration and Prep activities met demographic parity with ESD 112's region in just one year!

**Progress:** Network activities directly engaged 2,784 students. This only includes ESD 112 programs only, not those provided by our district and community partners.

3. Triple the number of rigorous engagements between professionals in high-demand industries, students and educators to create equitable opportunities for students to become STEM literate and career ready that lead to additional Career Launch endorsements.

**Network Highlights:** Flipped internships proved to be a mutually beneficial way for classrooms of students to gain authentic learning and the opportunity to be mentored by local STEM professionals. The Network piloted a paid summer internship program with the financial support of Lanxess and the High Tech Council.

**Progress:** 297 High School Students engaged in Flipped Internships across 9 separate schools. Another 171 have Paid Summer Internships through ESD 112.



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## FUNDING

### *Additional Funding Coming 2022-23!*

Career Connect SW was awarded an increase in core funding from Career Connect WA. These funds will be used to support our Network in developing and scaling Career Connected Learning Programs in STEM. We also received a grant from the Biller Family Foundation to increase CTE graduation pathways and post-secondary enrollment in rural districts. We have added a Career Navigator and a CTE Coordinator to our team to lead this work. Lastly, we secured additional funds from Washington STEM to deepen our understanding of what a Career Pathway Readiness System looks like, to grow quality Early STEM opportunities.

## PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

**The Washington Building Trades Association** received a Program Builder Grant through Career Connect WA to develop outreach programs and materials to inform youth on Apprenticeship pathways through the Joint Apprenticeship Trades Commission. Over 250 students from 8 districts participated in virtual tours of the JATCs, and several districts are using their Pre-Apprenticeship Guidebook to align their high school CTE program to Apprenticeship standards. Their [Construct a Career website](#) has resources and information for students, educators and families and features programs from Mark Morris High School in Longview.

**Lo Que Sigue (What Comes Next?)** was a week-long exploration of postsecondary programs specifically focused on migrant youth and their families. CCSW partnered with Clark College, WSUV and the Joint Apprenticeship Trades Unions to welcome juniors and seniors (and their families) from six districts to explore the possibilities that exist from high school and beyond.

#### **A note from the Career Connect SW Team:**

We want to thank Scott Culbertson, our retiring Career Connected Learning Coordinator, for his years of service in connecting teachers and students to relevant, engaging learning experiences in career readiness and STEM! You will be missed!





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## About Us

Career Connect Southwest is one of nine regional career connected learning networks under the larger Career Connect Washington (CCW) as well as a partner network of Washington STEM. CCSW is funded through Career Connect Washington, Washington STEM and the contributions of school districts, higher education partners, business and industry.



## Our Mission

Career Connect SW engages with K12, higher education, business, industry and the community to expand the skilled workforce through work-related learning opportunities that serve K12 students in every community in the ESD 112 region.

## Our Vision

Each student graduates with clear pathways from school to prosperous career opportunities that are not predictable by social, cultural, gender, racial or economic factors.

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