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By 2030, 70% of Tacoma Public Schools students will earn a degree, technical certificate, or gain a good-earning wage employment opportunity within six years of high school graduation.

Targeted efforts will focus on students of color and those impacted by poverty.

Success will require meaningful cross-sector alignment and partnership, data-sharing and accountability, targeted resourcing, advocating for racially just practices, and maintaining progress on all indicators, cradle to career.

70% Across Post-Secondary Pathways



GOOD EARNING WAGES

70% of all TPS graduates have a good earning wage employment opportunity, regardless of pathway.



COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

70% of all TPS graduates have enrolled in college or university.

70% of those enrolled in college or university have completed a certificate or degree within six years of high school graduation.



APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

70% of TPS graduates who enroll in an apprenticeship program will continue onto a good earning wage job in the apprenticeship's trade or occupation.



What do we mean by a "good earning wage job"?

A good-earning wage in Pierce County is one that enables full-time workers to support their household based on family composition, keeping up with changes in costs in our region. A good job also includes clear opportunities for wage progression, healthcare benefits, and potential for retirement savings.

Our new dashboard with Workforce Central estimates the current good earning wage for many family types, inflated to 125% of a "self sufficiency" wage each year to cover cost complexities and changes. Users can see which occupations fall in this range.



What it Takes: A Good Earnings Snapshot

ANNUAL WAGES NEEDED TO SUPPORT DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLD TYPES



By 2030: Measuring Benefits, Retention & Advancement

Thriving at work is based on more than just wages. In coming years, we will work to better identify which occupations and employers provide benefits such as healthcare, retirement plans, and pathways to retention and advancement, particularly for communities of color. We invite all partners signing onto our accountability pledge to join us in this commitment to equity and transparency. By 2025, we hope to measure both wages and benefits.

2021

Baseline wage dashboard

2023 - 24

Defining non-wage parts of "good earning"

2025 & BEYOND

Measuring / advocating for additional non-wage benefits

How do we know which jobs are providing a good earning wage, and to whom?

We measure occupations relative to the median wage, plus the demographics and education of workers in those occupations.

Looking at earnings is only part of the equation. We also need to work with anchor institutions, service providers, advocates and employers to drive low income youth and youth of color to higher pay occupations, remove barriers to entry, and improve conditions within occupations.



Wage, Education & Demographics

Our new dashboard with Workforce Central tracks occupations by wage thresholds. It looks at all occupations in the Tacoma area and compares their median income to the area median, and shows the overall spread of wages in each occupation.

Snapshot: Starting & Median Wages Against 2021's \$21.00



By 2030: Transforming Occupations

We can use these dashboards with anchor institutions, employers and economic development partners to not only drive youth towards the best occupations, but to transform pathways to occupations, and remove barriers such as credentialing.

2021

Measuring relative to median wages

2023 - 24

Pathways to careers making median or more

2025 & BEYOND

Removing barriers to higher pay, improving conditions

Indicators

Cradle to Career

Kindergarten Readiness

WaKIDS Scores Pre-K Enrollment

3rd Grade Reading

SBAC

8th Grade Math

Completing 8th Grade Algebra or Geometry with a C or Higher

College & Career Readiness

CTE & College Prep Course Completion FAFSA/ WASFA Completion

3 Scholarship Completion

4 & 5-Year Graduation

Percent of TPS students graduating in four years and five years



Indicators

Cradle to Career

Social & Emotional Well-Being

- Behavior & Discipline Incidents Over Time
- Attendance Over Time
- Healthy Youth/ Environmental Survey Over Time

Student Voice Surveys

Positive Adult Interactions

- Participation in ELO/ Summer Programs
- Participation in Mentorships/ Internships

College Enrollment & Completion

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- 2 College Persistence
- College Completion

Apprenticeship Enrollment & Completion

- Apprenticeship Enrollment
- Apprenticeship Completion

Achieving a Good Earning Wage Job

Obtaining a Job



Indicators

Institutional

Post-Secondary Representation of Priority Populations by Institution

- Percent Participants of Color
- Percent Low-Income Participants
- Percent First-Generation Participants
- Percent TPS Graduates

Equity & Representation in Staffing

- Ratio of Staff/ Faculty of Color to Students of Color
- Retention of Men
- Institutions Paying a Good Earning Wage
- Racial Pay Equity

Institutional Performance on Accountability Pledges

Annual Review of Institutional Performance

