

**LESSON GOALS:**

- Help students use their **High School & Beyond Plan Checklist** and other materials from their portfolios to finalize their High School & Beyond Plans.
- Assess yearly goals.

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:**

- What will I do after high school?

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- **HS & Beyond Plan Requirements** (*this should be in student portfolios*).
- **High School and Beyond Plan Checklist** (*next page of this lesson*).
- **Final semester grades**.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Academic Goal Sheet** (*In portfolios*).

**CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:**

1. **Grade Review.** Using their semester grades, students should update their **1st and Second Annual Academic Goals Sheet** and assess their first semester progress. **Grade Tracking Sheet** should also be updated. What do they need to do to complete graduation requirements?
2. **Review the format of final High School & Beyond Plan.** Students' High School & Beyond Plans will represent the culmination of the work they have done during Navigation. Students will be required to formally present their Plans during their SLC. Revisit the **HS & Beyond Plan Requirements** handout (if needed) and review the work students will need to complete. Handout the **High School and Beyond Plan Checklist**, which is to be completed before the final essay. Review the progress students have made.
3. **HS & Beyond essays.** You may organize small group discussions or have students work individually on the essays that are required as part of their High School & Beyond Plans.
4. **Grade check.** Print out grade checks for students.

**STUDENT PRODUCTS:**

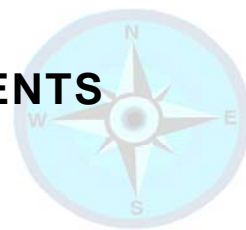
- **Academic Goals** should be updated.

- **HS & Beyond Plan Checklist.** Each student should finalize his or her essay.



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# HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND PLAN REQUIREMENTS



## WHAT IS THE HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND PLAN?

Each student graduating from high school in Washington State in 2008 or after must complete a High School & Beyond Plan. The High School & Beyond Plan is a state graduation requirement; however, the contents of that plan are up to the individual school district.

Your High School & Beyond Plan will build on the work you've done through your Navigation 101 advisories to plan for the future. By now, you should have a good idea of what you hope to do next year – and you should have already completed many of the steps needed to prepare for next year.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND PLAN?

1. High School & Beyond Plan essay (*typed, at least two pages in length – see below*)
2. High School & Beyond Checklist from grade 12 (*from your portfolio*)
3. Most recent four-year course plan (or transcript) that shows all your courses in high school
4. Financial Plan completed during grade 12 (*from your portfolio*)

The essay, which you will write during the next several Navigation lessons, should be headed with your name, the title **High School & Beyond Plan**, and the date. It should include the following information, which you may gather from documents in your portfolio:

- Your Career Pathway, the career that is most interesting to you, and the reasons you selected this career and pathway (*Career Pathway sheet and Career Exploration Reflection Essay*);
- The postsecondary education or training you will need to pursue this career (*Postsecondary Checklist*);
- The courses you took during high school to prepare for postsecondary and for your chosen career, noting, in particular, any honors or advanced courses you took (*Transcript*);
- The career exploration activities you completed during high school to prepare for your career, including job shadows, internships, or research; and a description of your volunteer service;
- The steps you've taken during junior and senior year to prepare for and apply to your top postsecondary choices (*Annual Academic Goals, Postsecondary Checklist*);
- The plan you've made to finance the next several years of your life (*Financial Plan*); and
- Your backup plan, in case you can't attend your top-choice postsecondary school (*HS and Beyond Plan Checklist*).

