



High School Student to Becoming an Educator Checklist

- Meet with a school counselor or teacher to share your goals and aspiration in becoming an educator
- Talk to teachers about their careers as an educator.
- Look for [clubs or introductory classes](#) focused on education as a career.
- Look for opportunities to tutor and volunteer in schools and document your time.
- Determine the level of students you want to teach
- Consider earning the [Oregon Biliteracy Seal](#) (enhances your job prospects)
- Research [Willamette Promise](#) for Education Courses and internships
- [Learn about Financial Aid](#) and talk with your family about support for college
- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or [Oregon Student Aid Application \(ORSAA\)](#) for undocumented students
- Research the [Oregon Opportunity Grant](#) if attending either community college or 4-year university
- Research [Oregon Promise](#): if you plan to attend a community college
- Apply for Scholarships through the [Office of Student Access and Completion](#) (OSAC)
- Determine if you are eligible for the [Oregon Teacher Scholars Program](#)
- Take the SAT or ACT. Although some colleges and universities are now test-optional (no longer requiring the SAT or ACT), some colleges still accept tests (test flexible) or use them as a requirement for scholarships or NCAA recruitment. If you have taken and passed any International Baccalaureate tests, providing these scores with your application may help you waive certain required college classes. Test scores on the SAT or ACT can also help if you are concerned about a low GPA on your HS transcript. Aim for a **1080 SAT** or a 22 ACT or higher.
- Graduate High School!