

Plan Components	Jay Inslee for Governor <a href="http://www.jayinslee.com/policy/policy-pdfs/Inslees-Education-Platform.pdf">http://www.jayinslee.com/policy/policy-pdfs/Inslees-Education-Platform.pdf</a>	Rob McKenna for Governor <a href="http://www.robmckenna.org/newdirection/education">http://www.robmckenna.org/newdirection/education</a>
Vision for Public Schools in Washington	By the year 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All Students graduate from high school prepared with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.</li> <li>- Achievement and opportunity gaps among students are eliminated.</li> <li>- All Washington students will have access to post-secondary education or training to pursue the career of her or his choice.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By the time today's kindergarteners graduate high school, our K-12 system must be in the Top 10 nationally for improvement in student achievement.</li> <li>- Cut the drop-out rate from nearly one-third today to less than 10 percent when today's kindergarteners reach graduation. The Renton and Everett school districts have shown we can accomplish this.</li> <li>- Prepare every graduate to succeed in college, vocational training, or the workforce, and reduce the number of college freshman who require remedial math or English courses to less than 10 percent.</li> <li>- Increase the share of the state budget devoted to education at all levels, including early childhood education for three and four-year olds, all-day kindergarten, after-school tutoring, and a longer school year for children who are below standards of proficiency in reading, math and science.</li> <li>- Eliminate the achievement gap between students of color and white students in reading, math and science by the time today's kindergarteners graduate from high school.</li> </ul>
Early Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invest in home visitation programs.</li> <li>- Serve all eligible kids in the Enhanced Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program.</li> <li>- Phase-in all-day kindergarten.</li> <li>- Prioritize class reduction in the K-3 grade levels.</li> <li>- Support implementation of the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fund all-day kindergarten across the state.</li> </ul>
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In short term, do more with fewer resources.</li> <li>- Adopt policies that target savings through government to enable state to fund education; such as: addressing inflating health care costs, ending corporate tax loopholes, expanding a system of quality improvement to all government agencies, and implementing annual efficiency review to track progress and make recommendations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accept recommendations from the state's Quality Education Council to fully fund education in Washington State.</li> <li>- As the state budget grows, put increased education funding on the top of the list. In the last 20 years, the state general fund budget has doubled. Ask yourself how you want to see the next 100 percent in state general funding allocated, and consider that a disproportionately large share should be directed to our public schools, colleges and universities.</li> <li>- Find cost efficiencies to save taxpayer dollars. For instance, a recent state audit suggests streamlining and standardizing teacher health care plans to save tens of millions of dollars.</li> </ul>

Excellent Educators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Address teacher diversity by recruiting more teachers from minority communities.</li> <li>- Develop leadership program for exceptional teachers to allow them to earn mentoring responsibilities.</li> <li>- Increase training opportunities for teachers, principals and superintendents.</li> <li>- Phase-in new, statewide evaluation system.</li> <li>- Create teacher residencies in urban schools, an immersion program that partners with a university teaching program to help meet demand in high-need fields.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invest in mentoring new teachers with experienced, effective teachers. Award mentoring teachers with additional pay for taking on additional responsibilities.</li> <li>- Phase-in new, statewide evaluation system.</li> <li>- Include improvement in student achievement scores as a significant component of a teacher's evaluation. Tie effectiveness to compensation, retention and promotion.</li> <li>- Phase out "last in, first out" seniority rules.</li> <li>- Change the state salary schedule so effectiveness, not just seniority and credentialing, are factors in teacher pay.</li> <li>- Pay excellent teachers and principals more to work at struggling schools.</li> </ul>
Innovation & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Institute a competitive grant system, Innovations Schools Initiative, to spur more innovation schools – especially in science and arts.</li> <li>- Promote access to technology tools in the classroom by creating public-private partnerships with Washington's business and research institutions.</li> <li>- Improve lowest performing schools by fully supporting the new Collaborative Schools Project, which will be operated in partnership with a college or university.</li> <li>- Allow more virtual classrooms and online tools for students.</li> <li>- Transition to online sources of curricula.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start more innovative STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) schools and fund more STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs.</li> <li>- Invest in expanded career skills opportunities for high school students across the state, keying on the high-demand for machinists, electrical workers, and other workers in the skilled trades.</li> <li>- Permit and encourage highly innovative charter schools, drawing on the most successful models from around America.</li> <li>- Provide incentives to state colleges of education to increase admissions standards and raise the average entering student's qualifications to the top one-third of her or his entering college class.</li> <li>- Develop and launch the nation's top schools superintendent training academy, drawing applicants from education, academia, non-profit sectors, and the military, with particular emphasis on leadership potential and effectiveness.</li> <li>- Change state law to allow elected school boards in school districts with ten percent or more failing schools to be replaced with a school board appointed by OSPI or Governor.</li> </ul>
Pathways and Access for Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Help students develop career plans by investing in the Navigation 101 program.</li> <li>- Encourage more students to enter Running Start.</li> <li>- Put college within reach for students by promoting scholarship programs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide more career and technical programs for students who want to pursue the skilled trades.</li> </ul>
Other Reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bolster innovative educational curricula, cultural competency and education strategies, including ethnic studies and transitional bilingual education.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Utilize school buildings for more hours each day and give kids a positive after-school activity.</li> <li>- Provide a longer school year for students who are behind.</li> </ul>