Regional Apprenticeship Programs

Budget Language

$1,000,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $1,000,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for the Marysville school district to collaborate with Arlington school district, Everett Community College, other local school districts, local labor unions, local Washington state apprenticeship and training council registered apprenticeship programs, and local industry groups to continue the regional apprenticeship pathways program.

Proviso Purpose

The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the employment security department and the workforce training and education coordinating board, shall convene a work-integrated learning advisory committee to provide advice to the legislature and the education and workforce sectors on creating opportunities for students to: Explore and understand a wide range of career-related opportunities through applied learning; engage with industry mentors; and plan for career and college success.

Services Provided

Marysville School District was allocated the directed $1 million via contract and was required to provide data to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to support Registered Apprenticeship Preparation (RAP) program evaluation. Funds could be used by pilot sites in any way appropriate to continue to focus on building trades and scale their Washington state apprenticeship and training council recognized program. Marysville focused on enhancing student learning, safety, skill development, and workforce readiness.

Criteria for Receiving Services/Grants

Marysville was required to establish methods for data collection in support of program evaluation, liaise with OSPI, and administer the program within state requirements.

Beneficiaries in the 2025–26 School Year

Number of School Districts:	9
Number of Schools:	N/A
Number of Students:	66
Number of Educators:	5

Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No

State Funding History

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2026	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

Number of Beneficiaries Per Fiscal Year (e.g. School Districts, Schools, Students, Educators, Other)

Fiscal Year	Number of Beneficiaries
2026	66

Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

While RCW 28A.630.145 was established in 2023, establishing the pilot program, the Marysville RAP program, which is focused on building trades, has received proviso funding in the past to support the program. The 2024–25 legislation increased the number of pilot programs, and continued funding to Marysville. The 2026–27 legislation discontinued funding the pilot programs, and continued funding to Marysville.

Program(s) Evaluation or Major Findings

Students involved with RAP were involved with construction-based or skilled trades programs. Students earned certificates in Core Plus Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration 10, and First Aid/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator. Students also earned college credits in Manufacturing Employment Readiness 100 and 102, and Welding 191 through Everett Community College.

Major Challenges Faced by Program(s)

The need for sustained funding and resources to support program sustainability and enrollment was a primary challenge identified. Additional challenges included constraints on available physical space, and ongoing challenges recruiting industry professionals with requisite diverse construction expertise due to district pay not aligning with industry standard pay scales.

Future Opportunities

Future recommendations for the program are strategies to increase the college and career readiness of students statewide by expanding intern and externships, job shadowing, and employment in the construction trades for students under 18.

Other Relevant Information

The Regional Apprenticeship Program is a collaborative partnership involving labor unions, state registered apprenticeship programs, and local industry. RAP partners participate in RAP Advisory Board meetings and teach hands-on learning experiences in various trades at the RAP Center. RAP students can earn college credit through Everett Community College.

Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

Click here to see a list of all OSPI grant recipients in the 2026 Fiscal Year.

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