

# Our Investment

## in early learning

**This is about investing in the economic future of our state.**

Kids have one job when they show up to school: to learn. This budget invests in early learning, which is proven to be the best way to close the achievement gap in our schools and give every child a fair shot.

**Our plan invests \$227 million in quality early learning and childhood education:**

### **\$47.4 million — Early achievers**

We are investing in high-quality early learning and childhood education, which science shows gives us the best return on our investment and helps close the opportunity gap.

### **\$89.1 — Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program**

This is the high-quality preschool program for low-income families and proven to be effective at giving kids from low-income families a chance to succeed.

### **\$31 million — Quality Improvement in Early Learning**

Our budget provides a mix of incentives and requirements for early learning providers to boost the quality of their programs.

### **\$35.6 million — Working Connections Child Care**

This expands eligibility for child care subsidies to 12 months, helping working mothers stay on the job without sacrificing their child's development.

### **\$4 million — Early Intervention**

Early intervention in the first three years of the life of a child with disabilities or developmental delays can make a huge difference in their success.



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## in college and careers

**We are giving Washington students an opportunity to earn a degree.**

We are making college more affordable and accessible for students and families. This investment means many students won't have to give up on college dreams and middle class and working parents won't have to decide between their retirement and their children's future. This plan also gives Washington business the science, technology and computer graduates they need so our state can prosper. There are 23,000 open high-paying computer science jobs in Washington, but not enough graduates to fill them.

**We get young people to work with \$256 million in higher education investments, including:**

**\$106 million — Tuition freeze**

The House Democrats budget will help middle-class families afford a college education by freezing tuition for the next two years.

**\$53 million — Funding the State Need Grant**

Today, 32,000 college students or applicants qualify for the State Need Grant but haven't received it, simply because the grant is underfunded. With this investment, we are sending more kids to college.

**\$60 million — Opportunity Scholarships**

Continuing our public-private partnership to build the next generation of scientists, engineers, mathematicians and other high-demand professions.

**\$10.1 million — High-demand, high-salary degrees**

Funds more computer science, software and electrical engineering, cybersecurity and sustainable food system degrees.

**\$11 million — Medical schools**

We need more doctors as more families get access to healthcare. This budget helps support the education and training of new medical professionals for our state.



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