

University of Puget Sound

Access Programs

What are the Goals of Access Programs?

Access Programs are designed to:

1. **Provide exposure** to college and thereby expand college opportunities for youth traditionally underrepresented in higher education
2. **Encourage academic persistence** for participants of Access to College Initiative
3. **Offer comprehensive programs** to Access to College Initiative participants involving a wide range of academic support, academic enrichment, and college co-curricular experiences
4. **Encourage parent involvement** in academic and college preparation programs



After admission to Access Programs, students and parents will be invited to participate in academic and social programs at the middle school, high school and college levels as outlined below.

School Year & Summer Programming

- **Access To College Day.**

Participants will attend two forty-five minute sessions that will include a campus tour, sessions hosted by college faculty and campus departments focusing on financial aid, library usage, academic support, college admission, study abroad, and student life.

- **Access To College Tutoring.**

Puget Sound students provide tutoring to Access Programs students. Tutoring sessions are held on campus after school.



- **Access To College Mentoring.**

Puget Sound students volunteer to serve as mentors to pre-college students. Mentors will spend a minimum of four hours a month involved in an activity with their mentee. The Access Program's coordinator will also provide opportunities for the mentor and mentee to develop their relationship through monthly programming.



- **Access To College Career Tours.**

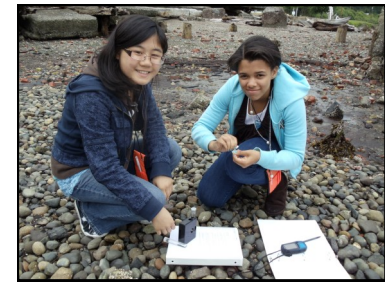
Access Programs students will visit local businesses to meet with professionals and hear about their experiences and paths to college and careers.



- **Summer Academic Challenge.**

A four-week daily math and science enrichment program enhances the programs provided during the academic year. SAC keeps students engaged academically during the summer and strengthens their readiness for the next school year.

Summer Academic Challenge Field Research 2010



Nisqually Reach and Nature Center, 2009



Narrows Bridge, 2009



"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows"-Sydney J. Harris

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Information

To receive more information about Access Programs please fill out the following form and mail to:

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Phone: () _____

E-mail: _____

Please Check one:

- Student
- Parent/Guardian
- Teacher/Counselor
- Other: _____

Who May Participate?

Students in 7th-12th grade that have been identified as having the potential to succeed in secondary and post-secondary education but may need additional support, guidance and enrichment to reach their academic goals.

Access Programs are developed with the goal of increasing the pool of college-ready students from the Tacoma region. Tacoma Public Schools and the University of Puget Sound share this goal and have formed a partnership, the **Access To College Initiative**, which is the school year component of Access Programs.

Students attending Tacoma public middle and high schools are encouraged to apply to Access Programs. Students' application forms, classroom performance, study habits, attendance patterns, social behavior and desire to attend college are some of the criteria that will be reviewed. Students who meet all of the program prerequisites are invited to participate in the program. Students and parents must sign agreement forms.



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**7th-12th Grade College
Readiness Partnership
with students, families,
and schools.**

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Access To College Initiative

School Year Component

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**Access Programs
Summer Academic
Challenge**

Math and Science Enrichment

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