



Gaining
Early Awareness
and Readiness
for Undergraduate
Programs

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True or False:
“All I need to do is graduate
from high school and I can
start taking college-level
courses at a community or
technical college.”

False.

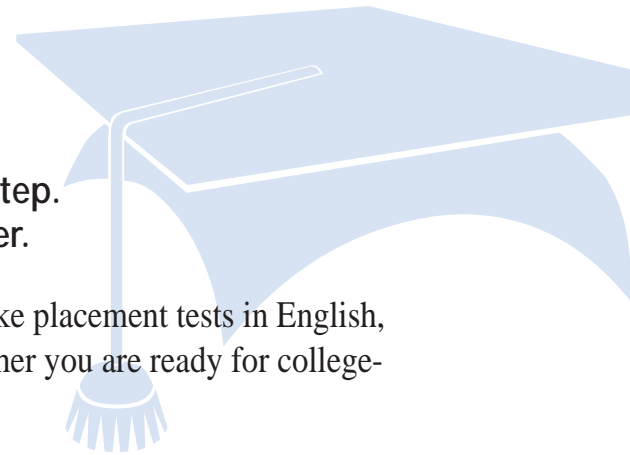
Getting *into* college is only the first step.
Taking college-level courses is another.

When you enter college, you will need to take placement tests in English, mathematics and reading to determine whether you are ready for college-level work.

If you don't score high enough on the placement tests, you will be placed into pre-college courses. **And you will pay tuition for the privilege of taking them.**

So think of high school as a good investment. If you “spend” your time in high school well, you will save money later. **High school's biggest advantage over college? It's free.**

College requires college-level work – whether it's a two-year community and technical college or a four-year baccalaureate college or university. Study and apply yourself now so you are college-ready.



GEAR UP is a federally-funded grant program that partners with the community to encourage students to aim high, stay in school, study and develop the skills needed to go to college. The five-year, Evergreen State College GEAR UP project has been working since 2002 with the Clover Park and Oakville School Districts.