



Creating the high-quality education system Washington students need and deserve

Washington’s high school graduation rate remains below 80% and includes a persistent opportunity gap.

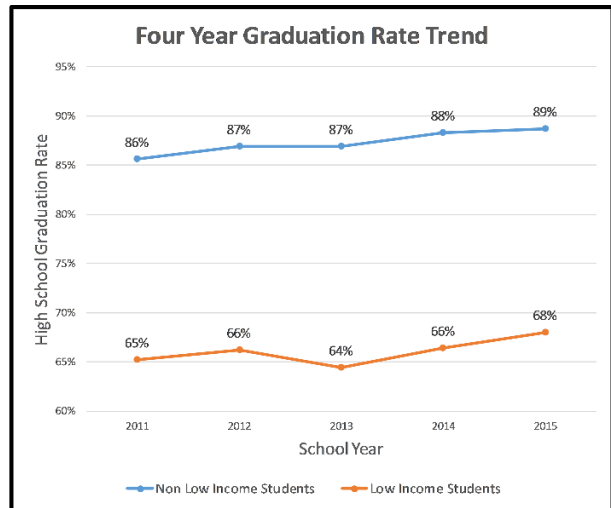
Major educational and economic inequities exist:

- for students – funding levels and outcomes vary greatly by district;
- teachers – pay and benefit affordability;
- and taxpayers – tax rates and funding generated.

The adult-centric prototypical school funding model does not account for the unique needs of students.

The Legislature has made historic investments in K-12 education over the last four years, increasing overall funding by \$4.6 billion.

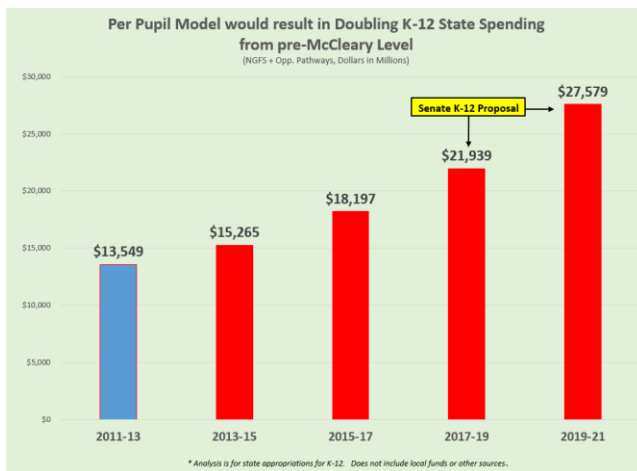
The **Education Equality Act** funded in the Senate budget provides *all* 1.1 million Washington students with the opportunity to receive a high-quality education.



We provide the support children need *and* deserve in a manner that is equitable for **students, teachers and taxpayers.**

Four pillars of a high-quality education system:

- Student-centered framework to meet the unique needs of all students. ✓
- A great teacher in every classroom. ✓
- Empowered local decision makers. ✓
- Ample, fair and transparent funding. ✓



Creates a statewide per-pupil funding system and establishes a **\$12,500 minimum per student funding amount.**

Institutes a **\$1.55/\$1,000** assessed value local effort levy and eliminates existing maintenance and operations levy: *far less than current statewide average of \$2.54/\$1,000.*

The **\$3.7 billion increase** in the Senate budget for K-12 education means public schools will account for **more than 50% of the overall state budget for the first time since 1983.**