



Washington Office of Superintendent of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Expand Post-Secondary (GKHS)

1. **Purpose:**

The proviso is used to expand and support Pierce College in offering college-level courses at Graham-Kapowsin High School in the Bethel School District in order to increase access to college courses in the southeast Pierce County area. Currently, limited public transportation and traffic concerns present significant restrictions to college access. By offering college courses at GK, current high school students are more readily able to access the Running Start program. The courses also increase the opportunity for recent graduates to attend college. And, the courses are open to other community members.

2. **Description of services provided:**

One hundred percent (100%) of the funds passed through to Pierce College. The funds will be used to pay for the expansion of the college courses offered at Graham-Kapowsin High School through staffing and marketing materials.

3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:**

N/A

Beneficiaries in 2020-21 School Year:

Number of School Districts:	0
Number of Schools:	0
Number of Students:	0
Number of Educators:	0
Other:	0

Number of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): 0.0

Number of contractors/other staff associated with this funding: 0.0

FY21 Funding: State Appropriation:	\$125,000
Federal Appropriation:	\$0
Other fund sources:	\$0
TOTAL (FY21)	\$125,000

4. **Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?**

No

Yes, please explain.

If state funds are not available, the state will not be eligible...

5. **State funding history:**

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
FY21	\$125,000	\$125,000
FY20	\$125,000	\$125,000

6. **Number of beneficiaries (e.g., school districts, schools, students, educators, other) history:**

N/A

7. **Programmatic changes since inception (if any):**

Work continued during the pandemic in the 2020-2021 school year. Courses were primarily offered remotely with in-person academic support offered at the Pierce College at Graham-Kapowsin campus. A focus in the program was connecting with students so they remained engaged.

8. **Evaluations of program/major findings:**

- Pierce College at Graham is now an established site with college programming and processes closely integrated with district-wide systems.
- Northwest Community College and Universities accrediting body (NWCCU) certified the Pierce College at Graham site.
- The annual courses schedule, developed collaboratively with Instructional Deans and Division Chairs, ensures the availability of a "Graham Pathway," with courses for full-time college-ready students to complete an AA Direct Transfer Agreement in six quarters.
- Pierce College at Graham courses were offered at Graham-Kapowsin High School fall, winter, and spring quarters primarily in a remote status due to the pandemic with supports offered at the GK campus to assist in the place-bound students in the community.
- The Pierce College at Graham brand, "Your Neighborhood College," is widely advertised through BSD and Pierce College District channels, including signage at BSD sites, digital media distribution to BSD families, neighboring school districts, as well as the greater community.
- "Bethel Schools Project Manager," a permanent, full-time position, was funded August 2019 and continues to ensure effective program/site coordination, continuous improvements, and program growth.

- "Bethel Schools Project" joint team meets quarterly to review progress toward goals and to explore additional strategies for increasing/enhancing higher education opportunities for South Pierce County residents.

9. **Major challenges faced by the program:**

N/A

10. **Future opportunities:**

Future opportunities for Pierce College at Graham include an increase in population attending courses at the Pierce College at Graham site. The addition of courses and programs to meet the population enrolling and the expansion of space used after the Bethel School Day to allow for an increased enrollment in Pierce College at Graham.

11. **Statutory and/or budget language:**

ESSB 5092 Sec. 1518 (21) - \$125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2020 and \$125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 are provided solely for Bethel School District to expand post-secondary education opportunities at Graham-Kapowsin High School.

12. **Other relevant information:**

N/A

13. **Schools/districts receiving assistance:**

See [OSPI's Grantee List](#)

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