



# Washington Youth Academy

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A National Guard Youth Challenge Program

## Class of 2016-02

### Test of Adult Basic Education (T.A.B.E.)

The students who completed the Washington Youth Academy Youth Challenge Program showed remarkable gains between the Pre-TABE assessment test, given at the beginning of the session, and the Post-TABE, given near the end.

- The average total battery grade level on the Pre-TABE for all entering students was 7.0. The average total battery grade level on the Post-TABE was 9.7.
- This is an incredible average increase on the TABE of 2.7 grades or 38.6% in *just 22 weeks*.

### High School Credits Earned

This class had a very impressive credit retrieval rate, as well.

- The highest number of credits possible at the Academy for the session is 8.0 credits.
- Comparatively, a full year at a high school is 6.0 credits. The *lowest* number of credits earned by a completing cadet was 6.0 credits –a year's worth in 22 weeks!
- Earning all 8.0 credits in 22 weeks requires tremendous effort on the part of the student. Yet, 123 students (83%) that completed the program earned *all* 8.0 credits.
- The average number of credits earned by cadets who completed the program was 7.8.
- The total number of credits possible for the completing students was 1,192 (eight credits times 149 cadets). Remarkably, the cadets of Class 2016-02 earned 1,165 of those 1,192 high school credits, which is a 97.7% credit retrieval rate!

### Grade Level Gains

Along with earning up to eight credits came a significant high school grade level increase for these students.

- The average high school grade gain for program completers was 1.2 grades in the 22 weeks.
- All incoming freshmen (grade 9) who completed the program advanced at least one grade level.
- Only 17 of the program completers (11%) started as seniors (grade 12), but 110 students (74%) finished as seniors.

### Grade Point Average Increases

- Students who stayed at the Washington Youth Academy for the entire session had an average 50% increase in their cumulative high school grade point averages.
- Fifty-three of the completers (36%) had an incoming grade point average less than a D (1.0). By session end, all but three of the completing cadets had a passing gpa (above 1.0) - and even these three had increased to less than a tenth of a percent from a passing gpa.
- Program completers had an average gpa for Academy courses of 3.6, which is a high B+.

### Academic Achievement and Excellence Awards

- **Academic Achievement** awards are given for sustained academic achievement (85% or better) in one or more core subjects.
  - There were 460 *Academic Achievement* awards earned during session 2016-02.
  - 100% of the completing students earned *Academic Achievement* in at least one subject.
- **Academic Excellence** awards are given for sustained academic achievement in all six core subjects.
  - This session, 117 *Academic Excellence* awards were earned over three rating periods.
  - 17 students (11.4%) sustained *Academic Excellence* throughout the entire session.