

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The board will establish graduation requirements which, at a minimum, satisfy those established by the State Board of Education. The board will approve additional graduation requirements as recommended by the superintendent, or designee. Graduation requirements in effect when a student first enrolls in high school will remain in effect until that student graduates. The board will award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in the district who meets the requirements established by the district. Only one diploma will be awarded with no distinctions being made between the various programs of instruction that may be pursued.

### I. REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATING

Each student must meet the following requirements to graduate from high school: (1) complete the credit requirements specified in the procedure accompanying this policy; (2) demonstrate career and college readiness by completing a high school and beyond plan; and (3). Meet the requirements of at least one graduation pathway option described in the procedure accompanying this policy.

### II. IMPLEMENTATION

The superintendent or designee will develop procedures for implementing this policy according to applicable state law.

#### Cross References:

Board Policy 2418	Waiver of High School Graduation Credits
Board Policy 3110	Qualifications of Attendance and Placement
Board Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Actions
Board Policy 3520	Student Fees, Fines and Charges

#### Legal References:

Laws of 2019, ch. 252, & 201 Graduation pathway options for the graduating class of 2020 and subsequent classes  
RCW 28A.155.045 Certificate of individual achievement  
RCW 28A.230.090 High school graduation requirements or equivalencies — High school and beyond plans-Career and college ready graduation requirements and waivers. Reevaluation of graduation requirements — Language requirements - Credit for courses taken before attending high school — Postsecondary credit equivalencies  
RCW 28A.230.093 Social studies course credits – Civics coursework  
RCW 28A.230.097 Career and technical high school course equivalencies  
RCW 28A.230.120 High school diplomas — Issuance — Option to receive final transcripts — Notice  
RCW 28A.230.122 International baccalaureate diplomas  
RCW 28A.600.300-400 Running start program - Definition  
RCW 28A.635.060 Defacing or injuring school property — Liability of pupil, parent or guardian — Withholding grades, diploma, or transcripts —

Suspension and restitution — Voluntary work program as alternative —  
Rights protected  
RCW 28A.655.061- High school assessment system-Certificate of  
academic achievement- Exemptions-Options to retake high school  
assessment- Objective alternative assessment- Student learning plans  
WAC 180-51 High School Graduation Requirements  
WAC 392-121-182 Alternative learning experience requirements  
WAC 392-169 Special Service Programs - Running Start Program  
WAC 392-348 Secondary Education  
WAC 392-410 Courses of Study and Equivalencies  
WAC 392-410-350 Seal of Biliteracy  
WAC 392-415-070 Mandatory high school transcript contents –Items-  
Timelines

Management Resources:

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One health class required for graduation must now  
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State Board of Education Raises Credit  
Requirements for Graduation

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Policy Manual Revisions

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High School Proficiency Examination

*Policy News*, April 2009

High School Graduation Requirements (Class of  
2009)

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High School Graduation Requirements

*Policy News*, August 2007

Graduation Requirements Modified by Legislature

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Graduation Requirements: High School and Beyond  
Plans

*Policy News*, February 2004

High School Graduation Requirements

*Policy News*, December 2000

2004 High School Graduation Requirements

Adopted

*Policy News*, April 1999

Variations complicate college credit equivalencies

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2015; January 4, 2017; September 5, 2018, December 18, 2019**