
CREDIT FOR COMPETENCY-PROFICIENCY

World Languages

The board recognizes the value of preparing students to be global citizens with the skills to communicate in English and other world languages. In our state's diverse communities, it is not unusual for students to have various opportunities to develop language skills, for example, by using the language at home, attending language programs offered in the community, learning online or living abroad. The district encourages students and their families to take advantage of any language learning opportunities available to them.

To enable students to fully benefit from the advantages of multilingualism, the district will encourage students to learn to understand, speak, read and write at a high level of language proficiency. Proficiency can also be demonstrated in languages that are only spoken or signed.

In order to recognize the language proficiency of students, the superintendent is directed to develop procedures for awarding world language credits to students based on demonstrated proficiency across a range of language skills.

Math, Science, and Language Arts

The State of Washington requires students to pass state assessments in the areas of math, science, and English language arts in order to graduate from high school.

The board recognizes that passing a state assessment indicates achievement of state standards. Therefore, students who pass a high school state assessment or approved alternative in math, science, or English language arts, but fail the associated courses, have the option to retrieve credits in the appropriate content area.

The superintendent or designee will develop and implement procedures to award proficiency-based credits based on successfully passing required state assessments.

Cross References: 2410 - High School Graduation Requirements

Legal References: RCW 28A.230.090 High school graduation requirements or equivalencies —
Reevaluation of graduation requirements — Review and authorization of
proposed changes — Credit for courses taken before attending high school —
Postsecondary credit equivalencies

WAC 180-51-050 High school credit — Definition

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