

WASHINGTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

The state legislature passes laws that determine graduation requirements. To be eligible to graduate in Washington, high school students must meet requirements related to specific state assessments, earn all required state and local credits, and successfully complete a High School and Beyond Plan.

Required state assessments are administered following the schedule below. Assessments may be retaken the following spring for a higher score if desired.

Tests Required for Graduation*		
Grade Level	Subject	Test
10th	ELA	English Language Arts Smarter Balanced Assessment (ELA SBA)
	Math	Mathematics Smarter Balanced Assessment (Math SBA)
11th	Science	Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS)

**RCW 28A.655.061 outlines the assessment graduation requirements that qualify a student for a CAA or CIA. For more information on state assessments and a list of state testing requirements by graduation year, contact your student's counselor or visit: <http://www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements/>*

Personalized Pathway Requirements

Personalized Pathway Requirements (PPR) are courses related to a specific post high school educational outcome or career based on the student's High School and Beyond Plan. Requests may include Career and Technical Education and are intended to provide a focus for the student's learning. PPR forms will be completed during registration in the 10th grade year. Students can submit updated PPR forms in junior and senior year prior to the new semester. The district realizes that as students take classes or gain experience through workplace learning experiences, a student may change their ideas for beyond high school coursework and goals. Students will submit PPR forms to their designated counselor for review. A student may replace up to 1.0 credit of art and/or up to 2.0 credits of world language through their personalized pathway plan.

GRADUATION, CREDIT & COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

NON-CREDIT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		
Non-credit requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High School and Beyond Education Plan ● Washington State History/Government (Required in 8th grade, class of 2024 and beyond will earn credit toward high school graduation unless otherwise requested) ● Must meet requirements related to specific state assessments 	
CREDIT & COURSEWORK GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		
Credit Requirements	English	4 credits
	Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Algebra 1 ● Geometry ● Algebra 2 or 3rd credit of math (1) 	3 credits
	Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 credits must be lab science. Biology and Chemistry are recommended ● 3rd credit of science (2) 	3 credits
	Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● US History/Government ● Contemporary World, Geography and Problems .5 credit ● Civics .5 credit ● Social Studies Elective 1 credit (may include WA State History and/or second semester CWP) 	3 credits
	Fine, Visual or Performing Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 credit may be a Personalized Pathway Requirement (3) 	2 credits
	World Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If college bound, check college entrance requirements for World Language recommendation ● Both credits may be a Personalized Pathway Requirement (3) 	2 credits
	Health and Fitness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health .5 credits ● Fitness 1.5 credits 	2 credits
	Occupational Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CTE coursework 	1 credit
	Electives	4 credits
<i>Minimum Credits Required to Graduate</i>		24 credits

(1) A student may pursue a 3rd credit of math other than Algebra 2 if the math elective choice is based on a career program of study identified in the student's High School and Beyond Plan.

(2) The 3rd credit of science is chosen by the student based on the student's interest and High School and Beyond Plan.

(3) Personalized Pathway Requirements (PPR) are related courses that lead to a specific post-high school career or educational outcome chosen by the student based on the student's interests and High school and Beyond Plan.