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: 2418 - Waiver of High School Graduation Credits
3520 - Student Fees, Fines, or Charges
3241 - Student Discipline
3110 - Qualification of Attendance and Placement

Legal References:
RCW 28A.155.045 Certificate of individual achievement
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
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.600.500 Graduation Ceremonies Tribal Regalia
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.655.250 Graduation pathway options
RCW 28A.655.260 Graduation pathway options Review and monitoring Participation data
WAC 180-51 High school graduation requirements
WAC 392-121-182 Alternative learning experience requirements
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