

INSTRUCTION

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.

High school credit will be awarded for successful completion of a specified unit of study. For 1.0 credit, a student must successfully complete courses that are aligned to the state learning standards or demonstrate proficiency/mastery of learning standards as determined by the district. All students must meet graduation requirements to participate in the commencement exercises.

High school students enrolled in the district, may challenge particular courses for credit toward graduation by demonstrating proficiency through an assessment on a set of specific standards of the district approved course being challenged.

Unless requested otherwise by the student and the student's family, a student who completed high school courses before attending high school must be given high school credit that applies to high school graduation requirements.

Each student must meet the following requirements to graduate from high school:

- A. Complete the credit requirements specified in the procedure accompanying this policy;
- B. Demonstrate career and college readiness by completing a high school and beyond plan; and
- C. Meet the requirements of at least one graduation pathway option described in the procedure accompanying this policy.

No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but he/she may be denied participation in graduation ceremonies when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension. Any student who willfully creates a disturbance at graduation will have their diploma held until appropriate disciplinary consequences are fulfilled.

Graduation requirements in effect when a student first enrolls in high school shall be in effect until that student graduates unless such period is in excess of ten years.

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High School Graduation Requirements - Continued

WAC 392-410	Courses of Study and Equivalencies
180-51	High School Graduation Requirements
392-348	Secondary Education
392-415	Secondary Education - Standardized High School Transcript
392-169	Special Service Programs - Running Start Program
392-121-124	Full-time equivalent enrollment for work based learning.

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