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Student learning is the critical product of education. The District has established standards for student learning for students to receive a high school diploma from Federal Way Public Schools.

For the class of 2019 and beyond, students shall achieve 26.0 high school graduation credits to be eligible to receive a high school diploma. All students shall follow requirements established in the Washington Administrative Code 180-51, "High School Graduation Requirements," or approved alternatives as provided in RCW 28A.230.122 or WAC 392-121-182.

To qualify for graduation from high school in Federal Way Public Schools, students must receive a passing grade in each of the required courses. All students must complete required courses with at least a "C" grade in order to qualify for graduation.

Required Courses/Credits for Graduation are listed in accompanying procedure 2410P.

In consultation with the Chief Academic Officer, the principal is responsible for determining which credits will be recognized by the District for students enrolling from another state-approved learning program (public school, approved private school, or home school), from out-of-state, or from out-of-country. Credits from another Washington public school or accredited state private school or accredited out-of-state public or private school shall be accepted to the extent the credit matches a District graduation requirement or may be counted as an elective credit. Credits from unaccredited programs or home schools, independent study, correspondence courses, college and technical school courses, and the Washington State National Guard/high school career education program shall be evaluated as described in procedure 2410P.

Every student entering a high school in Federal Way Public Schools must create a High School and Beyond Plan that will be signed by a parent/guardian. In the ideal, parents/guardians/caretakers must be present at the initial development of the High School and Beyond Plan and for all subsequent changes to the plan.

In addition, non-credit requirements for graduation will include meeting the requirements of at least one graduation pathway option described in the procedure accompanying this policy, Washington State History and Government course completion, and 24 hours of community service targeted toward potential career pathways when possible, or 24 hours of an unpaid non-credit earning internship; or a combination of the two. Also, as part of Federal Way Public School's High School and Beyond Plan, students are required to complete the FAFSA or WASFA to graduate. A student may formally opt-out if s/he does not plan to submit a financial aid application.

Additional information regarding support for the development of a High School and Beyond Plan can be found in procedure 2410P.

Upon entering a Federal Way Public Schools' high school, individual class standing (9, 10, 11, 12) will be determined by the expected graduation date of each student. This date is determined based on when the student entered the 9th grade. Students will be required to fulfill all graduation requirements outlined in this policy.

Federal Way Public Schools recognizes the need to help students pursue individual career goals as they meet their grade level expectations and standards for graduation requirements. The District

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allows students to fulfill a limited number of required credits with equivalent credit from other courses.

The Superintendent and/or designee will develop procedures for such crossover credits.

High School Credit for Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Courses

A student who has completed high school courses while in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade shall be given high school credit and the credit can be applied to fulfilling graduation requirements if:

- The course was taken with high school students and the student has successfully passed by completing the same course requirements and examinations as the high school students enrolled in the class; or
- The course would qualify for high school credit because the course has the same standards as a course offered at a high school in the district as determined by the District.

The Chief Academic Officer will annually determine which district approved courses are offered for choice credit and publish those courses in the District Course Catalog.

Cross References:	Administrative Policy – 2416	Concurrent Enhanced Program Requirements and High School Graduation Requirements
	Administrative Policy – 2418	Waiver of High School Graduation Requirements
	Administrative Policy – 3110	Age, Qualifications, and Placement
	Administrative Policy – 3241	Discipline and Corrective Action for Student Misconduct
	Administrative Policy – 3550	Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
Legal References:	RCW 28A.150.220	Basic education- Minimum instructional requirements- Program accessibility- Rules
	RCW 28A.230.090	High school graduation requirements or equivalencies- High school and beyond plans- Career and college ready graduation requirements- Language requirements- Credit for courses taken before attending high school- Postsecondary credit equivalences
	RCW 28A.230.097	Career and technical high school course equivalences
	RCW 28A.230.330	Inclusion of American Indian people's culture in state history and government course- Instruction in American Sign language or American Indian

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	languages satisfies language requirement.
RCW 28A.230.710	Graduation pathway options.
RCW 28A.230.700	Purpose of diploma- Elements of obtainment
RCW 28A.230.120	High school diplomas–Issuance–Option to receive final transcripts–Notice
RCW 28A.230.122	International baccalaureate diplomas
RCW 28A.230.212	High school and beyond plans- Substantive requirements.
RCW 28A.600.500	Graduation Ceremonies- Tribal Regalia
RCW 28A.600.300-400	Running start program
RCW 28A.600.275	Dual credit programs and other advanced courses- Notification to parents.
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
WAC 392-169	Special service programs–Running start program
WAC 392-348	Secondary Education
WAC 392-410	Courses of studies and equivalencies
WAC 392-410-350	Seal of Biliteracy
WAC 392-415-070	Mandatory high school transcript contents- Items- Timelines