

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Directors will establish graduation requirements, which at a minimum satisfy those established by the State Board of Education. The Board of Directors may 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 the student graduates. The Board of Directors 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 distinction 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) meet the requirements of at least one graduation pathway option described in the procedure accompanying this policy; and (3) demonstrate career and college readiness by completing a high school and beyond plan.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

The superintendent or designee will develop procedures for implementing this policy according to applicable state law.

Credits:

Class of:	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Entering 9 th grade after July 1 of:	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
English	4	4	4	4	4
Mathematics	3	3	3	3	3
	Algebra 1 or integrated math 1, geometry or integrated math 2, and a third credit of math aligned with the student's interest and High School and Beyond Plan.				
Science	3	3	3	3	3
	Two of the three credits must be a lab science				
Social Studies	3	3	3	3	3
	1.0 credit of US History, 0.5 of Contemporary World History, Geography and Problems, 0.5 credits of Civics(can be earned in AP Government), 1.0 credits of social studies electives, and Washington State History and Government as a non-credit requirement.				
	2	2	2	2	2

Arts			One of the two credits may be a PPR.		
Health and Fitness	2	2	2	2	2
	1.5 Fitness and .5 Health. Students may be excused from Fitness under <u>RCW 28A.230.050</u> .				
Career and Technical Education (CTE)	1	1	1	1	1
	CTE program or occupational education.				
World Languages	2	2	2	2	2
	One or two credits may be a PPR.				
Electives	4	4	4	4	4
Total Required Credits	24	24	24	24	24
Non-Credit Requirements	Washington State History and Government (subject to the provisions of <u>RCW 28A.230.170</u> , <u>RCW 28A.230.090</u> , and <u>WAC 392-410-120</u>). High School and Beyond Plan				
Assessments Required for Graduation	English Language Arts	Smarter Balanced Exam or Graduation Pathway Alternative			
	Math	Smarter Balanced Exam or Graduation Pathway Alternative			
	Science	Washington Comprehensive Science Assessment Exam			

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.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 and waivers—Reevaluation of graduation requirements—Language requirements—Credit for courses taken before attending high school—Postsecondary credit equivalencies

RCW 28A.230.097 Career and technical high school course equivalencies
RCW 28A.230.330 Inclusion of American Indian peoples culture in state history and government courses—Instruction in American sign language or American Indian 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—Definition
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 diplomas—Suspension and restitution—Community Service program as alternative—Publication of information on withheld diplomas—Students 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 study and equivalencies
WAC 392-410-350 Seal of Biliteracy
WAC 392-415-070 Mandatory high school transcript contents—Items—Timelines

Management Resources:

2024- October Policy News
2023 – December Policy Issue
2018 - May Policy Issue
2017 - October Policy Issue
2015 - October Policy Issue
2014 - December Issue
2013 - September Issue
2012 - April Issue
2011 - October Issue
2010 - June Issue
2009 - April Issue
2009 - February Issue
Policy News, August 2007 Graduation Requirements Modified by Legislature
Policy News, October 2004 Graduation Requirements: High School and Beyond Plans

Policy News, February 2004 High School Graduation Requirements
Policy News, December 2000 2004 High School Graduation Requirements
Adopted
Policy News, April 1999 Variations Complicate College Credit Equivalencies

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Revised: March 25, 2021
Revised: February 27, 2020
Revised: February 28, 2019
Revised: April 12, 2018
Revised: January 14, 2015
Revised: June 11, 2014
Revised: July 11, 2013
Revised: June 14, 2012
Revised: October 28, 2010
Revised: November 8, 2007
Revised: February 22, 2007
Revised: January 26, 2006
Revised: April 14, 2005
Revised: January 8, 2004
Revised: January 9, 2003
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