

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT REQUIREMENT WAIVER AND ALTERNATIVES

1. Student Information:

Student name (last, first) _____

State SSID (not *other ID* or *student ID*) _____

Graduation base requirement year (YYYY) _____

Expected graduation month and year (MM/YYYY) _____

Today's date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Applicable semester _____

Counselor name (last, first) _____

Counselor email address _____

2. School _____

3. What waiver or alternative request are you submitting? Check all that apply:

- ☐ Art Credit Requirement Alternative
- ☐ CTE Two-for-One Equivalency Credit Graduation Requirements
- ☐ Health Credit Requirement Waiver
- ☐ Math Third Credit Requirement Alternative
- ☐ Physical Education Waiver
- ☐ Technology Literacy Requirement Waiver
- ☐ Washington State History Requirement Alternative
- ☐ World Language Credit Requirement Alternative

Art Credit Requirement Alternative

The student has elected to pursue up to one credit in an area other than art with all the following conditions met:

- The student's choice is based on postsecondary career or educational goals identified in the personalized pathway of the student's high school and beyond plan.
 - The student and parent/guardian agree that this credit in another area is more appropriate than art because it better serves the student's career or educational goals.
 - A meeting was held with the student, parent/guardian and high school representative to discuss the students' personalized pathway alternatives in their high school and beyond plan.
- ☐ 0.5 credits
- ☐ 1.0 credits

CTE Two-for-One Equivalency Credit Graduation Requirement

The “two-for-one” policy rule, WAC 180-51-068 (8)(c), permits a student who takes a non-CTE course that is equivalent to a CTE course to satisfy two graduation requirements with one credit. Earning the one credit will meet a CTE requirement and the non-CTE subject requirement, hence, “two-for-one.” The total number of credits required for graduation remains unchanged, and the student will need to earn an additional elective credit.

The purpose of this policy is to create flexibility for students to choose more elective courses or to address other graduation requirements. The course below will be entered into the transcript and the student has determined which two graduation requirements are met based on their high school and beyond plan.

- ☐ Course name: _____
- ☐ CTE instructor name: _____
- ☐ Date completed (MM/YYYY): _____
- ☐ Credit amount (0.5 or 1.0): _____

Graduation requirement to be checked as met with the CTE two-for-one equivalency credit:

- ☐ Lab Science
- ☐ Third Year Math
- ☐ English
- ☐ Fine Arts
- ☐ Social Studies

Health Credit Requirement Waiver

The student has completed the district-developed assessment or successful completion of health course learning modules, which permits waiver of the health credit requirement.

- ☐ Yes, I confirm the above is accurate.

Math Third Credit Requirement Alternative

The student has elected to replace Algebra 2 with the alternative math course named below to satisfy their third math credit graduation requirement with all the following conditions met:

- The student’s choice is based on the career or educational goals identified in the student’s high school and beyond plan.
- The student and parent/guardian agree that the course selected as an alternative to Algebra is more appropriate because it better serves the student’s career or educational goals.
- A meeting was held with the student, parent/guardian and high school representative to discuss the math alternatives within their high school and beyond plan. The student and parent/guardian understand the math admission requirements for two- and four-year colleges and for credit-bearing math courses at both types of institutions.

- ☐ Alternative math course: _____

Physical Education Waiver

The following categories qualify as allowable reasons for the department leader and principal to consider waiving physical education graduation requirements:

- **Physical Disability:** Attach documentation from a doctor or healthcare professional indicating that participation in a physical education class will be detrimental to the student's health.
- **Employment requiring a reduced schedule:** Attach verification from employer including days and time of employment.
- **Religious Belief:** A student's religion stipulates against participation in physical education. Written verification from parent/guardian is required.
- **Directed, School Athletics:** Participation in school district extra-curricular programs that require at least 80 hours of substantiated physical activity/education. Students must complete the full season in good standing.
- **Community-Based Physical Activity:** This would include club team, organized fitness that requires at least 80 hours of substantiated and confirmed physical activity/education.

Guidelines and procedures:

- Documentation and alternate activity must be completed within the academic year in which the waiver is requested.
- A student may request to waive 0.5 credit per semester.
- Student obtains physical education waiver information from the counseling office or student services.
- Student documents 80 hours of alternate activity using Form 2410F-2.
- Student and parent/guardian read and understand the requirements to record a minimum of 80 hours of alternate activity and complete the competency assessment or portfolio as described in administrative policy.

Check to confirm both of the following Physical Education Waiver conditions:

- ☐ Student is junior or senior status
- ☐ Student is full-time status (no open period) OR student is not full-time, but this information should be considered (write in below):

Number of PE credits waived (limited to 0.5 credit per semester and 1.5 total)

- ☐ 0.5 credits
- ☐ 1.0 credits
- ☐ 1.5 credits

Provide the following information about the alternate activity:

- ☐ Sport: _____
- ☐ Season (fall/winter/spring): _____
- ☐ School year: _____

Upload the students' Physical Education Waiver Activity Log (2410F-2)

Technology Literacy Requirement Waiver

The student has not yet earned the 0.5 Technology Literacy credit for graduation and the course is no longer offered.

- The student is in the graduation requirement cohort of Class of 2029 or earlier.
- The student has completed or has a plan to complete the 1.5 CTE credits to meet the graduation credit requirements.
- ☐ Yes, I confirm the above is accurate.

Washington State History Requirement Alternative or Waiver

Students satisfy the Washington state history and government course of study with completion of middle school course "HIS779/710 History, Washington State."

Requirement Met with Alternative Course of Study (select one):

- ☐ The student transferred into Washington state after middle school and completed a stand-alone Washington State History course.

Alternative course of study: _____

- ☐ The student transferred into Washington state after middle school and completed an online course or independent study option.

Alternative course of study: _____

Requirement Waived (select one):

- ☐ The student transferred into Washington state after completing a state history and government course of study in another state.
- ☐ The student transferred into Washington state after the beginning of Grade 11 and then successfully completed a Bellingham Public Schools high school social studies course.
- ☐ The student is in Grade 11 or 12 and has not completed a course of study in Washington's history and state government because of emergency school closure or other circumstance due to an emergency which prevented the student from having the opportunity to fulfill this requirement.

World Language Credit Requirement Alternative

The student has elected to pursue credit in areas other than world language with all the following conditions met:

- The student's choice is based on a career-oriented course of study identified in personalized pathway of the student's high school and beyond plan.
- The student and parent/guardian agree that credit in other areas is more appropriate than world language because it better serves the student's career goals.
- A meeting was held with the student, parent/guardian and high school representative to discuss the students personalized pathway alternatives. The student and parent/guardian understand that the world language requirement is a college-entrance

requirement, and they believe that other alternative course selections are more appropriate given the student's education and career goals.

☐ Number of credits (up to 2.0): _____

For all selections of waiver or alternative requests

I request that the principal, as the superintendent designee, approve the requested waivers or credit requirement alternatives.

- I certify that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I authorize the principal or superintendent's designee to contact, consult and/or confer with any individual referenced in this application who would have knowledge of the student's circumstances, except for those subject to a duty of confidentiality.

☐ Yes, I confirm the above is accurate.

Principal approval of waiver or alternative requests

Principal: Do you approve this request?

- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Denied

Principal signature: _____

Once you submit an approved form it will be forwarded to the registrar to update the student record in Skyward.