

Waiver of High School Graduation Credits

The board provides all students with the opportunity to complete graduation requirements without discrimination and without disparate impact on groups of students. The board acknowledges that circumstances may arise that prevent a student from earning all twenty-four (24) credits required for high school graduation. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Homelessness;
- A health condition resulting in an inability to attend class;
- Limited English proficiency;
- Disability, regardless of whether the student has an individualized education program or a plan under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- Denial of an opportunity to retake classes or enroll in remedial classes free of charge during the first four (4) years of high school;
- Transfer during the last two (2) years of high school from a school with different graduation requirements; and
- Other circumstances (e.g., emergency, natural disaster, trauma, personal or family crisis) that directly compromised a student's ability to learn.

The board delegates to the superintendent or designee discretion to grant a waiver of a maximum of two (2) elective credits required for graduation. A student's parent/guardian or an adult student must file the district's *Application for Waiver of High School Graduation Credits Form 2418F*) with the Superintendent's office no later than thirty (30) days prior to the student's scheduled graduation date. In order to graduate, students granted a waiver must earn seventeen (17) required subject credits (four (4) English, three (3) Math, three (3) Science, three (3) Social Studies, two (2) Health and Fitness, one (1) Arts, one (1) Career and Technical Education) which will satisfy a satisfactory demonstration of competence as provided by WAC 180-51-050.

Cross References:	2100 - Instructional Program Offerings
	2106 - Program Compliance
	2161 - Education of Students with Disabilities
	2162 - Educational of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504
	2165 - Home or Hospital Instruction
	2170 - Career and Technical Education
	2171 - School to Work
	2250 - Alternative Program Policy
	2255 - Alternative Learning Programs
	2410 - High School Graduation Requirements

2411 - Certificate of Educational Competency
2413 - Credit Equivalency for Career and Technical Education Courses
2414 - Community Service
3115 - Homeless Students Enrollment Rights and Services
3316 - Students in Foster Care
3123 - Withdrawal Prior to Graduation
3247 - Section 504 Plans

Legal References:

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.345.080 Model policy and procedure for granting waivers of credit for high school graduation
RCW 28A.345.080 Model policy and procedure for granting waivers of credit for high school graduation.
WAC 180-51-068 State subject and credit requirements for high school graduation—Students entering the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2015.
WAC 180-51-050 High school credit—Definition.

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Revised Dates: