

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.

Requirements for Graduating

Each student must meet the following requirements to graduate from high school: (1) complete the credit requirements specific in the procedure accompanying this policy; (2) demonstrate career and college readiness by completing a high school and beyond plan and (3) meet the requirements of at least one graduation pathway option described in the procedure accompanying this policy.

Implementation

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

Cross References:

- 2418 - Waiver of High School Graduation Credits
- 3520 - Student Fees, Fines, or Charges
- 3241 - Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action
- 3110 - Qualification of Attendance and Placement

Legal References:

- Laws of 2019, ch. 252, § 201 Graduation pathway options for the graduating class of 2020 and subsequent classes
- RCW 28A.155.045 Certificate of individual achievement
- 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 - Credit for courses taken before attending high school – Postsecondary Credit equivalencies
- RCW 28A.230.093, Social studies credits – Civics coursework
- RCW 28A.230.907, Career and technical high school course equivalencies
- RCW 28A. 230.120, High school diplomas - Issuance-Option to receive final transcripts- Notice
- RCW 28A.230.122, International baccalaureate diplomas
- RCW 28.A.600.300-400, Running Start Program
- RCW 28.A.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 28.A.655.061, High school assessments system - Certificate of academic achievement - Exemptions - Options to retake high school assessment - Objective alternative assessment –

Student learning plans

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 392-410-350, Seal of Biliteracy

WAC 392-415-070, Mandatory high school transcript contents - Items - Timelines

Management Resources:

2019 - July Issue

2018 – May Issue

2017 - October Issue

2015 - October 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

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