

INSTRUCTION

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 enters 9th grade 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 of graduation established by the district. Only one diploma will be awarded with no distinctions being made between the various programs of instruction which may be pursued.

A total of twenty-two (22) credits shall be required for graduation from high school through the Class of 2020; twenty-four (24) credits shall be required beginning with the Class of 2021. High school credit will be awarded for successful completion of a specified unit of study.

A student who completed high school courses before attending high school must be given high school credit that applies to high school graduation requirements, unless requested otherwise by the student and the student's parent/guardian.

Requirements for Graduating

Each student must meet the following requirements to graduate from high school:

- Complete the credit requirements;
- Demonstrate career and college readiness by completing a high school and beyond plan; and
- Meet the requirements of at least one graduation pathway option described in the procedure accompanying this policy.

Credit Requirements

Instructional program grades 9-12

	Through Class of 2020	Beginning Class of 2021
English	4.0	4.0
Mathematics	3.0	3.0
Social Studies	3.0	3.0
Science	2.0 (1 Lab)	3.0 (2 Labs)
Occupational Education	1.5	
Career and Technical Education		1.0
Health and Fitness	2.0	2.0
Arts	1.0	2.0*
World Language		2.0**
Electives	5.5	4.0
Total	22.0	24.0
*One credit can be Personalized Pathway Requirement		
**Two credits can be Personalized Pathway Requirement		

Personalized Pathway Requirement (PPR) are related courses that lead to a specific post high school career or educational outcome chosen by the student based on the student’s interests and High School and Beyond Plan, which may include Career and Technical Education, and are intended to provide a focus for the student’s learning.

Implementation

The superintendent or designee will develop procedures to implement this policy according to state law. The procedures will include, but not be limited to, publication of graduation requirements, high school completion, subject area requirements and credits, waiver of graduation requirements, other credit options, and graduation ceremonies.

A student shall be issued a diploma after completing the district’s requirements for graduation. A student will also be advised that he/she may receive a final transcript.

No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but he/she may be denied participation in graduation ceremonies when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension. Any student who willfully creates a disturbance at graduation will have their diploma held until appropriate disciplinary consequences are fulfilled.

Cross Reference:

2418	Waiver of High School Graduation Credits
3110	Qualification of Attendance and Placement
3520	Student Fees, Fines, Charges
3241	Student Discipline

Legal References:

RCW 28A.230.090	High school graduation requirements or equivalencies—Reevaluation of graduation requirements—Review and authorization of proposed changes—Credit for courses taken before attending high school—Postsecondary credit equivalencies
RCW 28A.230.097	Career and technical high school course equivalencies
RCW 28A.230.120	High school diplomas—Issuance—Option to receive final transcripts—Notice
RCW 28A.230.122	International baccalaureate diplomas
RCW 28A.600.300-400	Running Start Program—Definition
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.
WAC 180-51	High school graduation requirements
WAC 392-169	Special service programs—Running start program
WAC 392-121-182	Alternative learning experience requirements
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

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