

CORE COURSES	CREDITS
English	4
Math	3
Science (2 Labs)	3
Social Studies	3
Arts	1
Occupational Education	1
Health	.5
High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP)	
Arts	1*
World Languages	2*
Fitness	1.5*
Career Concentration	2*
Electives	2
Summary	
Total Required Credits	24**
Culminating Project	

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Mandatory

Meets or exceeds
HECB minimum
subject
requirements



Student
Choice –
*may
substitute
per
HSBP

What's Changed?		
Subject	2013	2016
English	3	4
Math	3	3
Science	2 (1 lab)	3 (2 labs)
Social Studies	2.5	3***
Arts	1	2 *
World Language	0	2*
Health & Fitness	2	Health .5, Fitness 1.5*
Occupational Education	1	1
Career Concentration		2*
Electives	5.5	2
	Total: 20	Total 24

*** 3 (including .5 credit of civics (RCW 28A.230.090), including a study of U.S. and Washington Constitution (RCW 28A.230.170))

At the end of 8th grade, students would be automatically enrolled in a career and college program of study, one that prepares them for both career options and four-year public college admission, unless they substitute courses according to their HSBP.

**Up to 2 credits could be waived by local administrators for students who have failed a class and taken the appropriate credit recovery classes to regain the credit. Students must earn the designated credits in the mandatory subjects.

Note: Private schools must meet the state mandatory requirements. Private schools may elect to use career concentration and electives for their local requirements. (RCW 298.195.010)

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Policy Recommendations

1. Remove 150-Hour restriction on credit definition and substitute the following non time-based definition: "Successful completion of the subject area content expectations or guidelines developed by the state, per written district policy." (The competency-based definition will remain.)
2. Two-For-One with required district reciprocity. Students may earn one credit and satisfy two graduation requirements (one academic and one career and technical) by completing a career and technical course determined by a district to be equivalent to an academic core course. Districts shall set the limit on the number of "two for one" classes a student may take. Students will still need to earn the state minimum number of credits.
3. Start High School and Beyond Plan at middle school level.
4. Make Washington State History and Government a non-credit requirement, and require transcripts to note that the student has met the Washington State History and Government requirement.
5. Add .5 credit of civics.

Apprenticeship/Certificate/Technical Example Schedule (Green= HSBP Student Choice Courses)

9 th Grade Semester 1	9 th Grade Semester 2
English	English
Algebra 1	Algebra 1
Physical Science	Physical Science
CTE Graphic Arts	CTE Graphic Arts
Occupational Education	Occupational Education
Health	Fitness
10 th Grade Semester 1	10 th Grade Semester 2
English	English
Geometry	Geometry
Biology (Lab)	Biology (Lab)
Fitness	Fitness
World History	World History
Math support class	Math support class
11 th Grade Semester 1	11 th Grade Semester 2
English	English
Applied Math (third credit elective choice)	Applied Math (third credit elective choice)
CTE Equivalent Science (Lab)	CTE Equivalent Science (Lab)
US History	US History
CTE	CTE
CTE	CTE
12 th Grade Semester 1	12 th Grade Semester 2
English	English
Contemporary World Problems	Contemporary World Problems
Weight Training	Civics
CTE/Skills Center	CTE/Skills Center
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Next Steps

1. Gather cost proposal from OSPI
2. Collect feedback in September and October
3. Finalize and adopt new graduation requirements in November
4. Introduce legislation in the 2011 Legislative Session
5. Implement cost items when funded

We want your feedback!

Please take our graduation requirements survey, available at www.sbe.wa.gov under "The Latest."