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State Board of Education to Adopt New State High School Graduation Requirements

Tumwater, WA – The Washington State Board of Education’s (SBE) November 9-10 meeting at the Tumwater New Market Skills Center will include a final review and adoption of new high school graduation requirements. SBE’s proposed revisions reflect input gathered from state superintendents, state and local school directors, administrators, teachers, parents, community and business members, and students.

The provisional graduation requirements are designed to prepare career and college-ready high school graduates.

Graduating career and college-ready students is the central tenet of SBE’s drive to create a meaningful high school diploma, work that began formally in 2007. At the earliest, and with the necessary funding secured, phase-in of new graduation requirements and related policies could go into effect for the graduating class of 2016.

The Washington State Legislature has the opportunity to act on SBE changes to the high school graduation requirements before SBE adopts its administrative rule. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction will conduct a fiscal analysis for how the proposed changes will affect school districts. Graduation requirements that have a fiscal impact change shall take effect only if formally authorized and funded by the Legislature. SBE is committed to no additional, unfunded mandates, and will develop its administrative rule based upon Legislative action in 2011.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. All meeting materials are available [online](#).

The public and news media are invited to attend. Time for public comment will be provided.

For more information, please visit sbe.wa.gov.

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