

Washington State Board of Education Approved High School Graduation Requirements

(pending legislative authorization
and funding)



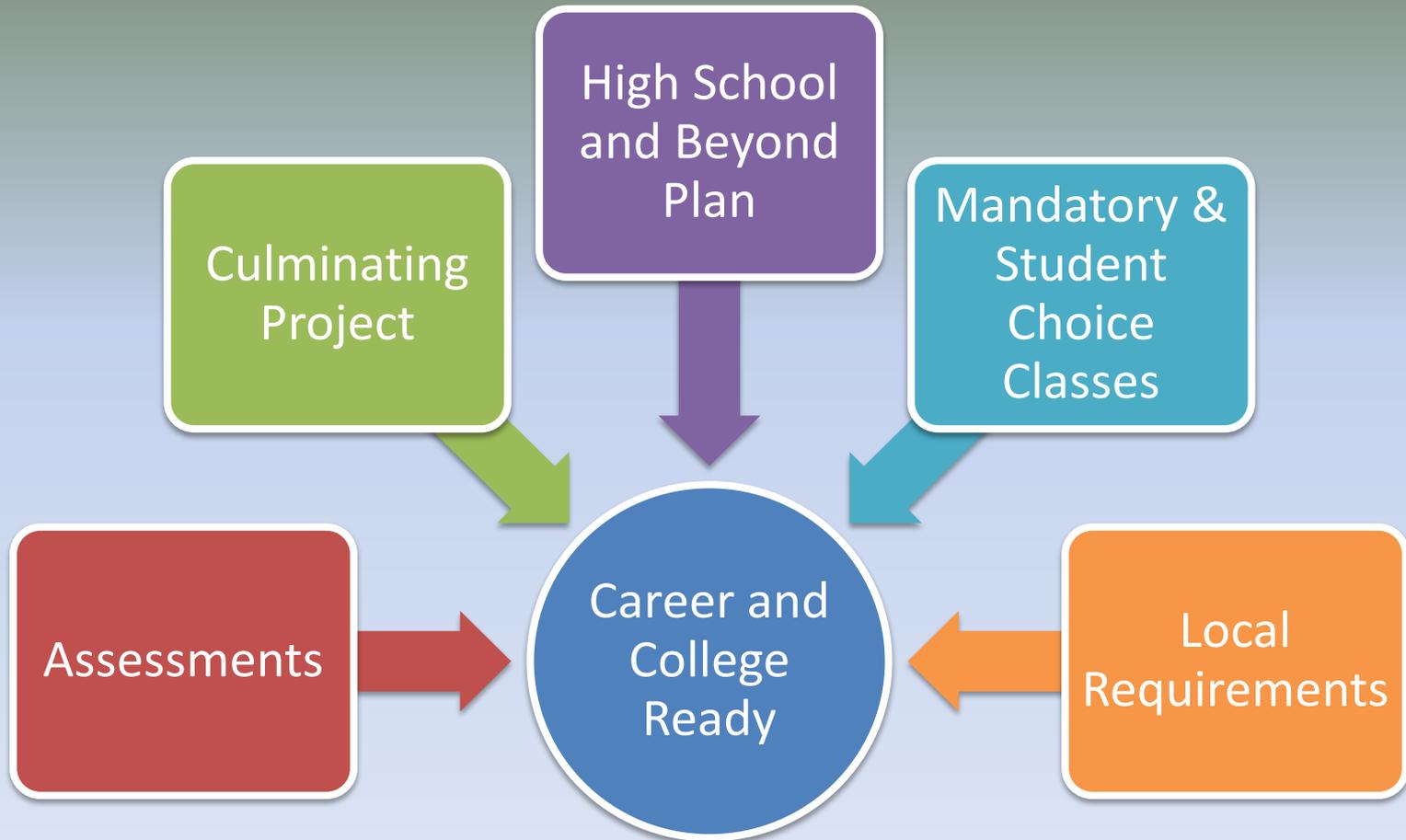
Graduating Career and
College Ready Students

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Who's At Stake?



Graduation Requirements: Washington Essentials



Legislative Direction

RCW 28A.150.220 (1) - “School districts must provide instruction of sufficient quantity and quality and give students the opportunity to complete graduation requirements that are intended to prepare them for postsecondary education, gainful employment, and citizenship.”

3(b) “Instruction that provides students the opportunity to complete twenty-four credits for high school graduation, subject to a phased-in implementation of the twenty-four credits as established by the legislature. Course distribution requirements may be established by the state board of education .”

Reframing the Vision for Career and College Readiness

Old Framework:

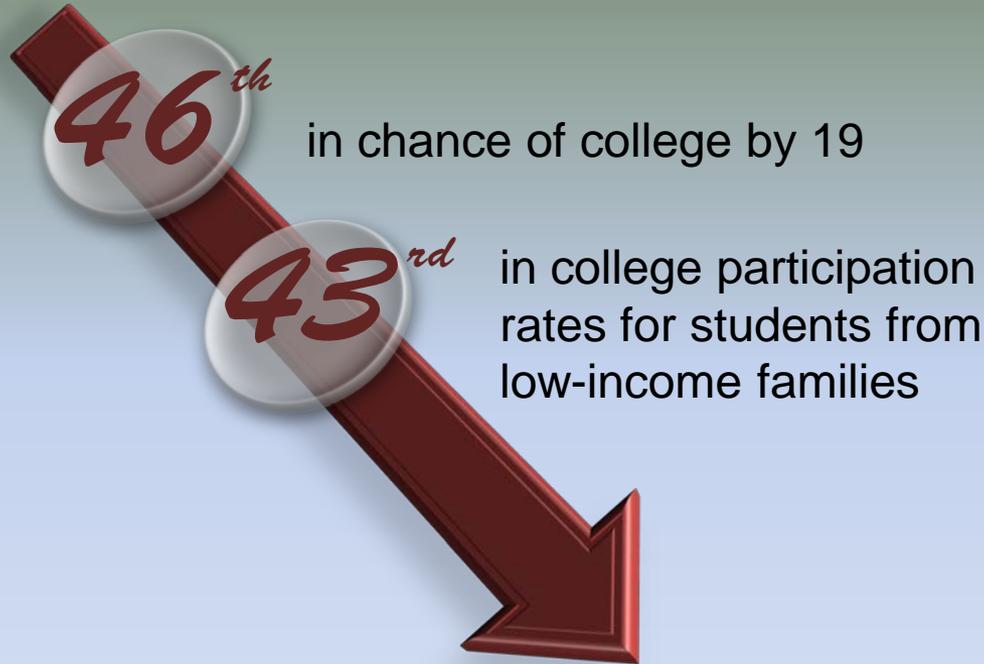
- minimum graduation requirements
- high school graduation as an ending
- a K-12 system view

New Framework:

- essential or core graduation requirements
- high school graduation as a beginning
- a P-20 system view

How does Washington Measure Up?

A national comparison

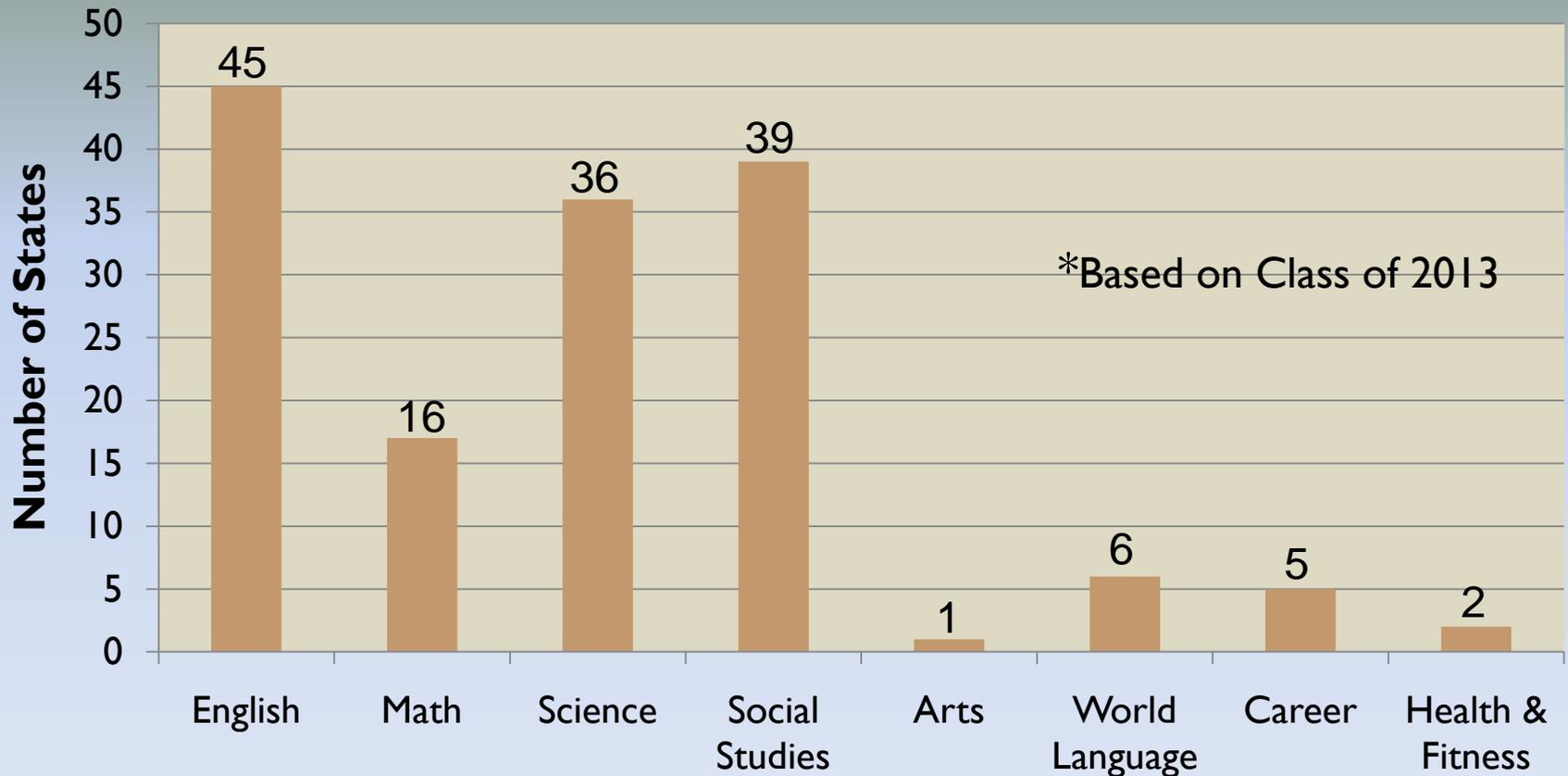


Yet. . .nearly 67 percent of the 2018 Washington job market will require some form of post secondary training and education.

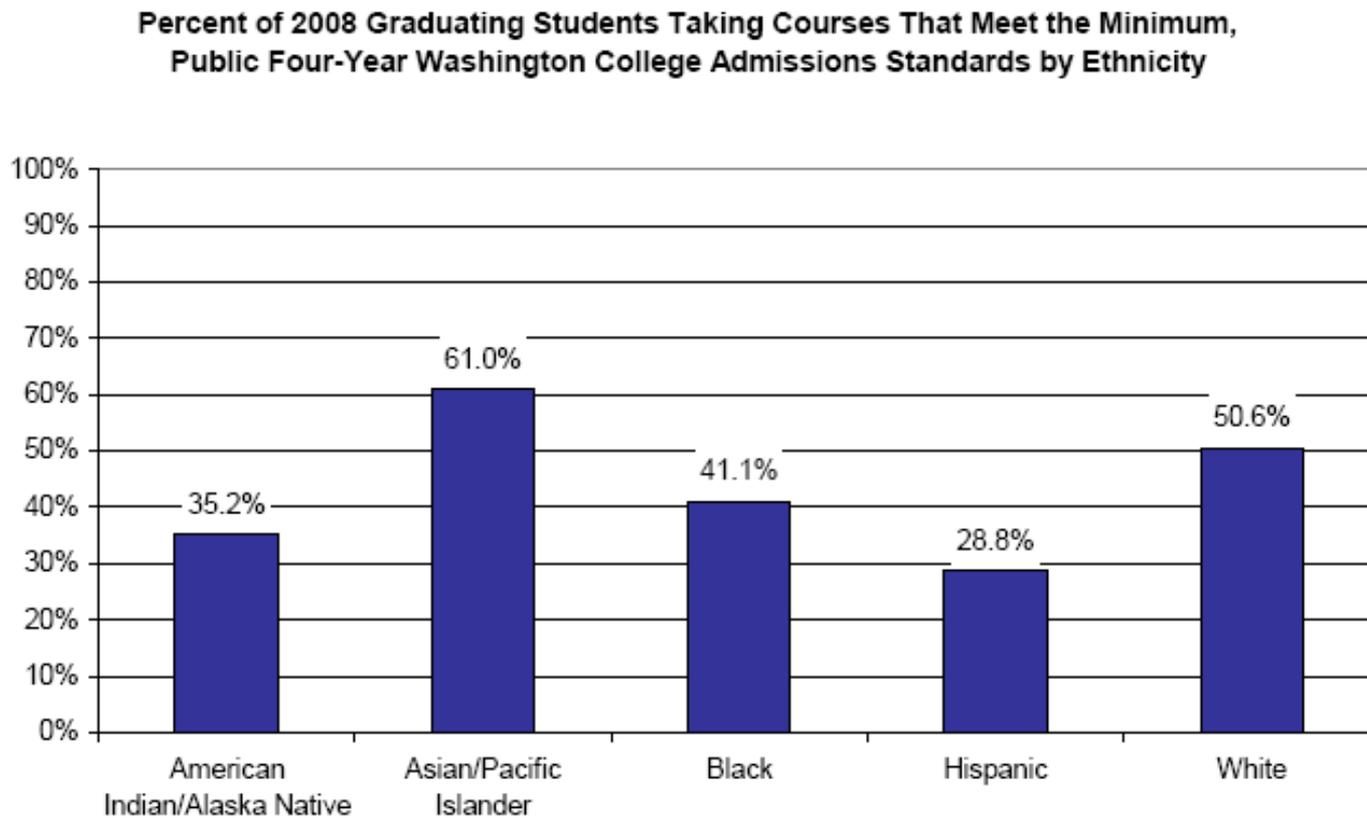
Sources: Quality Counts 2011, "Education Adjust to Uncertain Forecast," NCHEMS Information Center for Higher Education Policymaking and Analysis. Postsecondary Education Opportunity, #206, August 2009; Editorial Projects in Education Research Center Chance-for-Success Index and K-12 Achievement Index, Washington Highlights 2010. Carnevale, Anthony P., "Help Wanted: Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements Through 2018," June 2010.

How Do We Compare to Other States?

States That Require More Credits to Graduate than Washington*, by Subject Area



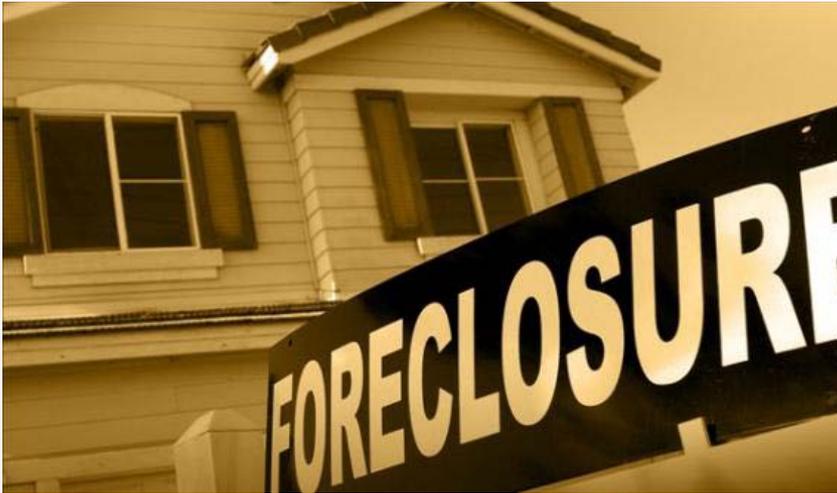
Are All Students Equally Prepared?



Source: The BERC Group, December 2008. Washington State Board of Education Transcript Study. Based on a random sample of 14,875 2008 Washington public high school graduates

Rationale for a Life-Ready Diploma

State Foreclosures Rise Steeply in 2010



Student Suspended for Wearing U.S. Flag

H1N1 Vaccines Proven Effective

Local Companies Could Benefit from China Trade Deal

Key Components: Graduation Requirements

Rigorous

Flexible

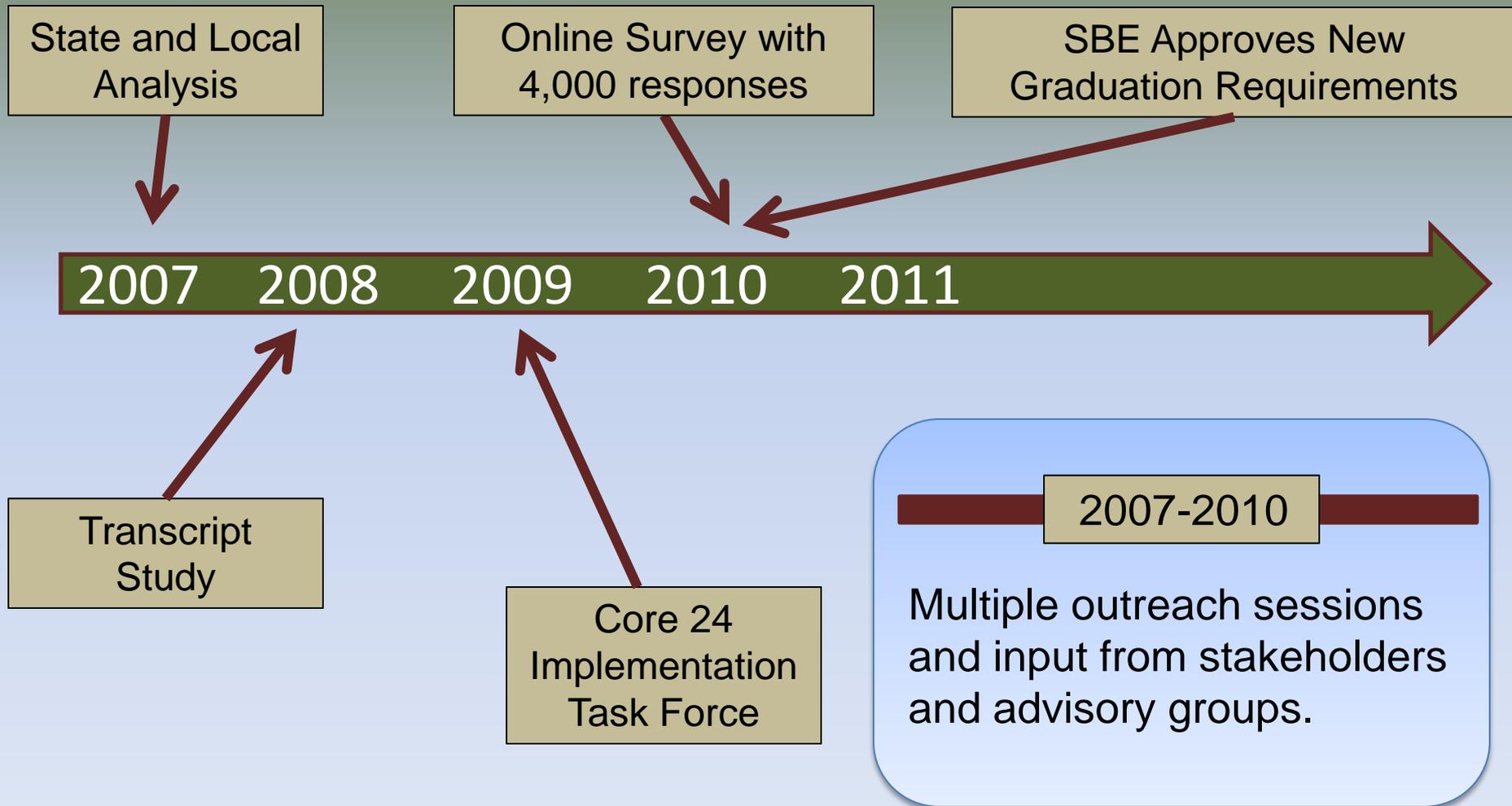
Class of 2016 changes
with no fiscal impact

Legislative authorization
of changes with fiscal
impact

Career and College Ready
Graduation Framework



Evolution of Career- and College-Ready Requirements



High School and Beyond Plan – Beginning in Middle School

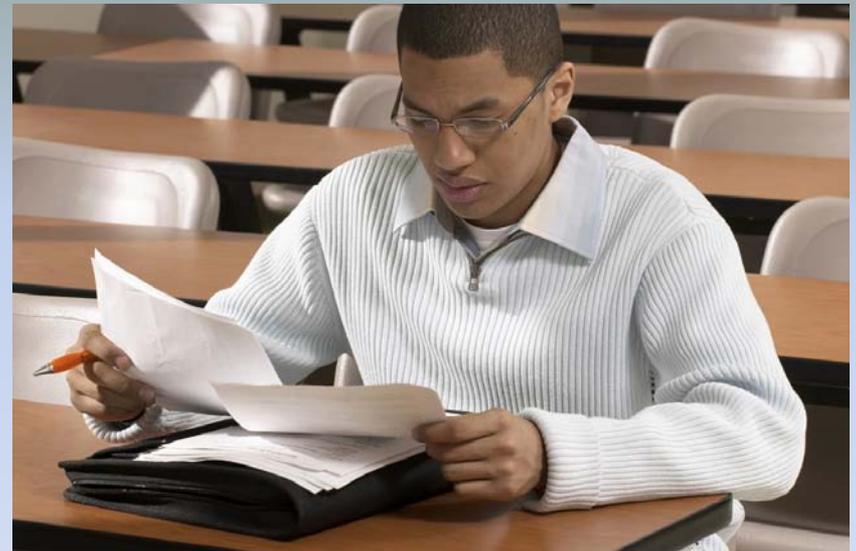
Relevant
Coursework

Postsecondary Research,
Budget, Visits

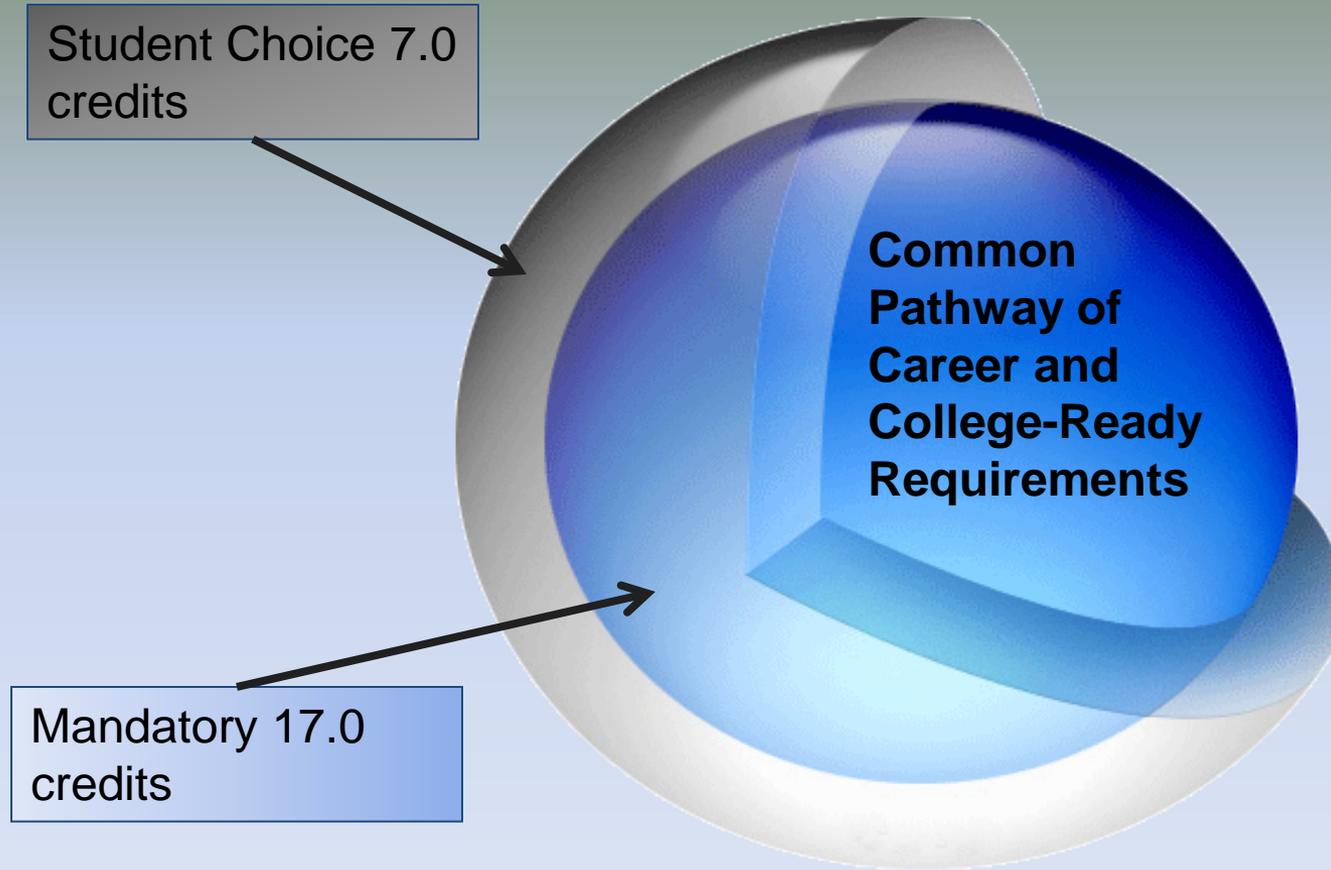
Applications, Resumes,
Assessments

Relates to students'
Culminating Project

High School and Beyond
Plan



Approved New Credit Requirements



The Washington State Board of Education Approved Graduation Requirements

Mandatory

■ **Meets or exceeds Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) minimum subject requirements for admission to Washington four-year public colleges.**

Student Choice

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

Approved Graduation Requirements

What Would the Changes Be, Assuming Funding and Authorization?

Subject	2013	New Requirements
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	24



Flexibility will be written into rule as intended by the State Board of Education

OSPI - Implementation Cost for the Graduation Requirements

As Presented to SBE November 9, 2010

- Implementation of High School and Beyond Plan in Eighth Grade
- High School Updates to the High School Beyond Plan
- Additional Counselors
- Additional Materials
- Additional Instructional Time
- One Time Capital Facilities Cost

Annual Costs – in millions

2011-2012

\$3.8

2012-2013

\$38.5

2013-2014

\$17.2

2014-2015

\$61.3

2015-2016

\$67.2

OSPI - No State Cost Recommendations

Policy Changes

150 – Hour
Credit

WA State
History

2 for 1 CTE
Equivalency
Credits

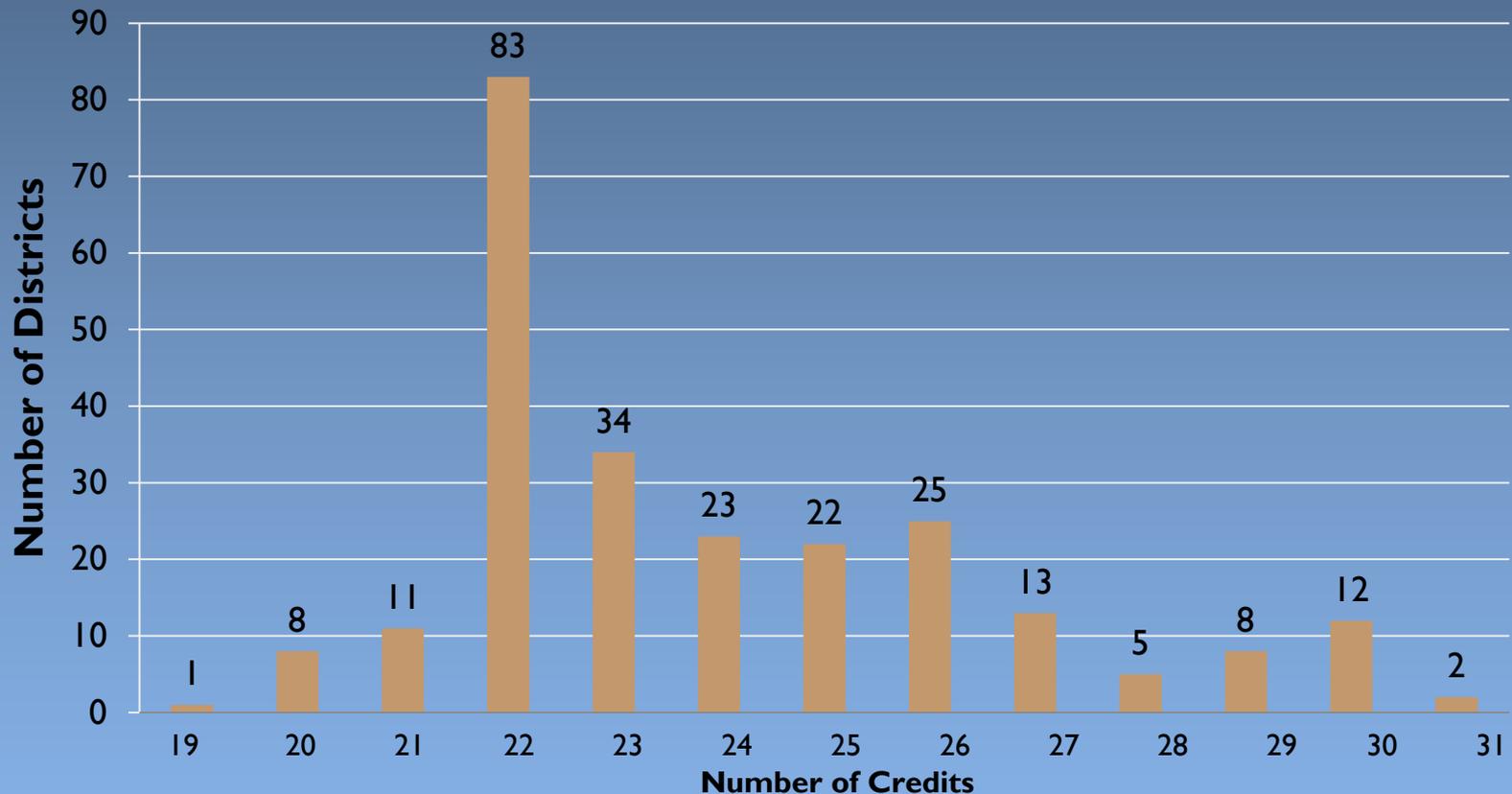
Credit Changes

Staying within the 20 required credits for the class of 2013:

- Increase English from 3 to 4 credits
- Increase social studies from 2.5 to 3 credits
- Add .5 credit of civics (within the 3 credits of social studies) (per RCW 28A.230.093)
- Decrease electives from 5.5 credits to 4 credits

What are the Current District Credit Requirements?

2009-2010 Washington State District Credit Requirements



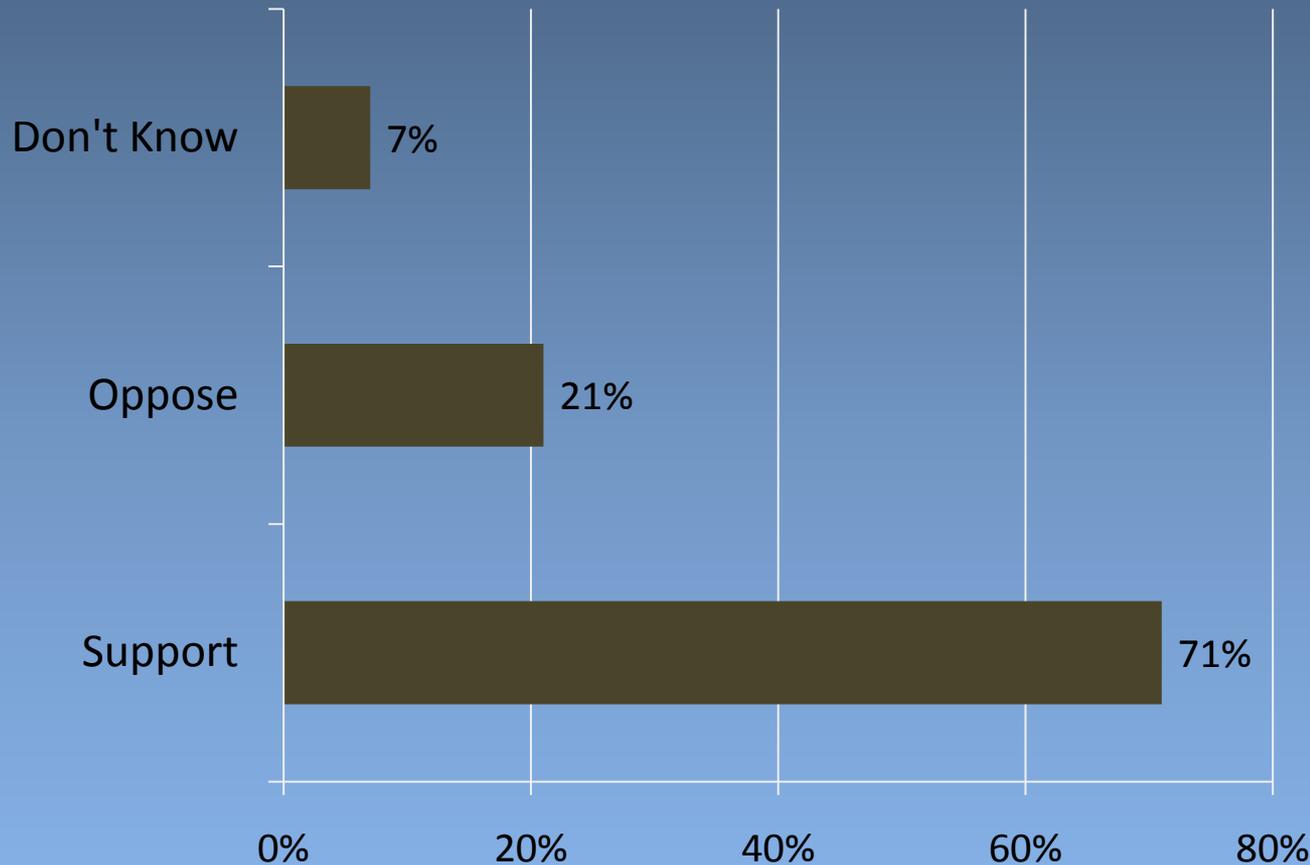
QEC January 2011 Legislative Report

“The Legislature should support the State Board of Education (SBE) new career and college-ready graduation requirements as an important step towards meeting the Basic Education Act’s intent to prepare students for postsecondary education, employment, and citizenship.”



Source: Quality Education Council’s Report to the
Legislature

Washington Voters Support SBE-Approved Graduation Requirements



Source: What Voters Think About Excellent Schools Now's Agenda for Improving Education in Washington. Partnership for Learning. January 2011 Survey.

Thank you!

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