

# The Class of 2016\* High School Graduation Requirements

## What's new?

1. WAC 180-51-050 has been revised. The 150-hour definition of a credit has been replaced with a non time-based definition.
2. WAC 180-51-067 has replaced WAC 180-51-066. Changes from the original law include:
  - Students in the class of 2016 and beyond must now earn 4 credits of English and 3 credits of social studies. The social studies requirement now includes .5 credit of civics.
  - Washington State history is now a non-credit graduation requirement, allowing districts the flexibility to offer the course at the middle and/or high school level (see social studies FAQ).
  - The health and fitness credits must include .5 credit of health and 1.5 credits of fitness.
  - New language creates a two-for-one credit opportunity. Students may earn one credit and satisfy two graduation requirements (one academic and one career and technical) by completing a career and technical education course determined by a district to be equivalent to an academic core course (1 CTE-equivalent course = 1 credit = 2 requirements). Students will still need to earn the state minimum number of credits.

Core Courses	Credits
English	4
Math	3
Science (1 lab)	2
Social Studies	3
Arts	1
Occupational Education	1
Health	.5
Fitness	1.5 <sup>1</sup>
Electives	4
<b>Summary</b>	
<b>Total Required Credits</b>	<b>20</b>

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\* Districts may seek a two-year extension to implement the new English, social studies and elective requirements for the Class of 2018.

<sup>1</sup> Students must earn credits in fitness unless excused per RCW 28A.230.050.