

## Assessment—Certificate of Academic Achievement Options

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Students who pass the required state assessments receive a CAA.

The legislature authorized options to provide students with ways other than state assessments to meet performance standards in reading, writing, mathematics, and science ([RCW 28A.655.065](#)).

Currently, there are three CAA Options available to students:

1. GPA comparison
2. Collection of Evidence
3. Advanced Placement and college admission test scores

The collection of evidence is a collection of student work samples. Through a collection of evidence, students may demonstrate proficiency in standards.

The guidelines for the Collection of Evidence are set by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The legislature asked the State Board of Education (SBE) to review and approve the guidelines, protocols, scoring criteria, and any other information used to assess students' work.

SBE approves the cut scores that students must attain on the Collection of Evidence and standardized tests ([RCW 28A.305.130](#)). The legislature sets the grade point average needed for the GPA comparison.

The legislature also asked the SBE to recommend additional alternative assessments. The SBE recommended that Advanced Placement tests and college admission tests (SAT and ACT) be considered alternative assessments.

2. Where can I get information about the CAA Options?

Go to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction [website](#).