



APPLICATION

Temporary Waiver from High School Graduation Requirements Under Chapter 217, Laws of 2014

Instructions

RCW 28A.230.090(1)(d)(ii) authorizes school districts to apply to the State Board of Education (SBE) for a temporary waiver from the career and college ready graduation requirements directed by Chapter 217, Laws of 2104 (E2SSB 6552) beginning with the graduating class of 2020 or 2021 instead of the graduating class of 2019. This law further provides:

In the application, a school district must describe why the waiver is being requested, the specific impediments preventing timely implementation, and efforts that will be taken to achieve implementation with the graduating class proposed under the waiver. The state board of education shall grant a waiver under this subsection (1)(d) to an applying school district at the next subsequent meeting of the board after receiving an application.

The SBE has adopted rules to implement this provision as WAC 180-51-068(11). The rules provide that the SBE must post an application form on its public web site for use by school districts. The rules further provide:

- The application must be accompanied by a resolution adopted by the district's board of directors requesting the waiver. The resolution must, at a minimum:
 1. State the entering freshman class or classes for whom the waiver is requested;
 2. Be signed by the chair or president of the board of directors and the district superintendent.
- A district implementing a waiver granted by the SBE under this law will continue to be subject to the prior high school graduation requirements as specified in WAC 180-51-067 during the school year or years for which the waiver has been granted.
- A district granted a waiver under this law that elects to implement the career and college ready graduation requirements in WAC 180-51-068 during the period for which the waiver is granted shall provide notification of that decision to the SBE.

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Application

Please complete in full. Please identify any attachments provided by reference to the numbered items below.

1. Name of district: Longview School District

2. Contact information
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3. Date of application: 10/28/2014

4. Please explain why the district is requesting a waiver to delay implementation of career and college ready graduation requirements in WAC 180-51-068.

Our district is in a state of leadership change. We currently have an interim Superintendent and will be in the hiring process for a replacement this winter. With a leadership change the programming of high schools may take a different focus. Our teachers have been engaged in on going discussions and working through scheduling and staffing challenges that all schools face. Specialized programs and opportunities need to be given more thought. Process time with the new superintendent on board will be critical to our mission. The waiver will allow us to complete our internal process for substantial change and the possible staffing and financial obligations that may follow should come with superintendent guidance.

5. Please describe the specific impediments preventing implementation of the career and college ready graduation requirements beginning with the graduating class of 2019.
 - Master schedules to be built to allow participation in AVID program
 - Sharing students at 3 high schools via shuttle bus and impact on learning time
 - Adding an extra period and shortening the individual contact time in each class
 - No superintendent has been hired to support/direct change and implementation
 - Inability to attract and hire teachers to area to meet new requirements in foreign language and sciences
 - Agreement on master schedule and any additional requirements for Longview students to meet local graduation requirements if we move to an expanded day
 - Board approval on graduation requirements

6. Please indicate below the graduating class for which the district will first implement the career and college ready graduation requirements.

Class of 2020

Class of 2021

7. Please describe the efforts that will be undertaken to achieve implementation of the career and college ready graduation requirements for the graduating class indicated above.

- Leadership meeting with principal team, human resources, curriculum director and new superintendent to define parameters for scheduling. Budget, master schedules, stand alone high schools (shuttle), highly qualified, building hours, flexible staffing configuration, etc
- District level team looking at best matching student need, state requirements, and district support for implementation of our programs
- Human resources review, contractual obligations

Next Steps:

Analyze Science Facility and Course needs

Analyze Foreign Language Needs

Develop Personal Pathway Plans

Develop Plan for loss of Culminating Project

Determine additional staffing needs for high schools

Develop coordinated master schedule to provide opportunities for all students while keeping student choice and current programs alive

Develop counseling plan for Middle to High School transition

Develop new course requirements for course equivalencies

Final step

Please attach the district resolution required by WAC 180-51-068, signed and dated by the chair or president of the board of directors and the district superintendent.