

Moving Ahead: The Need for a Career and College-Ready Diploma



Ready for Life, Careers, and Education

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By the Numbers

84 Percent of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents ages 18+ support career and college-ready requirements

67 Percent of future Washington jobs will require some education beyond high school

45 States do a better job preparing students for college than Washington

45 States require more English classes than Washington

39 States require more social studies classes than Washington

36 States require more science classes than Washington

42 States have better college participation from low-income families than Washington

54 Percent of Washington high school graduates requiring remediation who enter community and technical colleges directly from high school

17 Million dollars of Washington State investment spent on college remediation annually

41 Percent of 2008 Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Hispanic high school graduates (respectively) enrolled in four-year college-ready coursework while in high school

All sources available on our website

The Washington State Board of Education High School Graduation Requirements

Course	Class of 2013 Requirements	Class of 2016	Approved Requirements (Not in rule until funded)**
English	3	4	4
Math	3	3	3
Science	2 (1 Lab)	2 (1 Lab)	3 (2 Labs)
Social Studies	2.5	3	3
Arts	1	1	2
Health and Fitness	2	2	2
World Language	0	0	2
Occupational Education	1	1	1
Career Concentration	0	0	2
Electives	5.5	4	2
Total	20	20	24

* As adopted by SBE November 10, 2011. Districts may seek a two-year extension to implement the new English, social studies and elective requirements for the Class of 2018. ** As approved by SBE November 10, 2010. These requirements will be phased in as funding allows. All changes with fiscal impact must be approved and authorized by the Legislature.

Detailed information about the Class of 2016 requirements and the approved November 2010 requirements can be found on the 'graduation requirements tab of our website.

Our graduates deserve a diploma that prepares them for the next step in life, whether that path leads straight into a career, further training through apprenticeships or trades, or education at a two or four-year school. The new requirements meet this benchmark, ensuring all students graduate **ready for life, ready for careers, and ready for education.**

What are the elements of success for our high school graduates?



Ready for Life: High school graduates who are responsible and engaged citizens in our society and our democracy, fully capable of making critical decisions and positive contributions to our community



Ready for Careers: High school graduates who have the skills and knowledge necessary to pursue any number of career pathways suitable to their own goals



Ready for Education: High school graduates who are prepared to enter two or four-year degree programs and apprenticeship and trade programs without the need for remediation



The Building Blocks of Success



All Washington high school students will be automatically enrolled in coursework that gets them **Ready for Life, Ready for Careers, and Ready for Education.**