



Washington State Graduation Requirements 2012 to 2017

Credits in bold red denote a change from the previous year

Class of:	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017						
Entering 9 th grade after July 1 of:	2008 See note (1)	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013						
English	3	3	3	3	4 See note (2)	4						
Mathematics	2	3	3	3	3	3						
							algebra 1 or integrated math 1					
							geometry or integrated math 2					
algebra 2 or integrated math 3, or a 3 rd credit of math other than algebra 2, see note (3)												
Science Including at least 1 lab	2	2	2	2	2	2						
Social Studies	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3 See note (2)	3						
							1 US history and government				1 US history	
							1 contemporary world history, geography, and problems (or an equivalent course)					
							.5 Washington State history and government, see note (4)				.5 civics	
						.5 social studies elective						
Arts	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Health and Fitness	2	2	2	2	Health	.5						
					Students must earn credits unless excused per RCW 28A.230.050				Fitness	1.5		
Occupational Education	1	1	1	1	1 See note (5)	1						
Electives	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	4	4						
Total Required Credits See note (6)	19	20	20	20	20	20						
Non-credit Requirements	Culminating Project			As of the Class of 2015, the Culminating Project is no longer a state requirement								
	High School and Beyond Plan											
	Certificate of Academic Achievement or Individual Achievement awarded to students who pass the required assessments											
	Washington State history and government											
Assessments	Reading and Writing High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE)			Reading and Writing HSPE, or ELA SBAC, or 10 th grade ELA Exit Exam See note (8)		10 th grade ELA Exit Exam, or ELA SBAC See note (8)						
	Math HSPE, or one Math EOC, or earn 2 credits of math after 10 th grade See note (7)	One Math End-of-Course Exam (EOC) in algebra I/Integrated math 1 or geometry/Integrated math 2		One Math End-of-Course Exam (EOC) or algebra I/Integrated math 1 EOC Exit Exam or geometry/Integrated math 2 EOC Exit Exam or Math SBAC See note (9)								
	Pass one Science EOC in biology See note (10)											

Notes:

- (1) Credit requirements were constant from the Class of 2004 to 2012; non-credit requirements were constant from the Class of 2009-2012.
- (2) An automatic 2-year extensions for implementing additional credits were available to districts that applied, extending the implementation of the credits to the class of 2018.
- (3) A student may elect to pursue a 3rd credit of math other than algebra 2 or integrated math 3 if the elective choice is based on a career oriented program of study identified in the student's High School and Beyond Plan, and the student, parent or guardian, and a school representative meet, discuss the plan, and sign a form (WAC 180-51-067(2)(b)).
- (4) The Washington State history and government requirement may be met in grades 7 through 12; if the course is taken in the 7th or 8th grade it fulfills the requirement, but high school credit will be awarded only if the academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for 8th grade; students who meet the requirement but do not earn credit must still take the required number of social studies credits in high school.
- (5) CTE courses locally determined to be equivalent to a non-CTE course may be used to meet two graduation requirements.
- (6) The 150-hour definition of credit was replaced with a non-time based definition, as of February, 2012.
- (7) In 2009-210, the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) was replaced by the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE); through the Class of 2012, students who pass the WASL are not required to pass the HSPE.
- (8) SBAC refers to the Common Core State Standard assessments developed by the multi-state consortium, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium; ELA SBAC refers to the English Language Arts assessment that will be administered to students in the 11th grade. The 10th grade ELA Exit Exam refers to a Common Core State Standard assessment that will be developed by Washington using SBAC components.
- (9) The Math EOC Exit Exam will be developed by the spring of 2015, and will be aligned with the Common Core State Standards.
- (10) When the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) have been implemented and assessments have been developed, a comprehensive NGSS assessment may be required for graduation. The timeline of implementation and assessment has not been determined at this time.

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