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Policy Considerations / Key Questions:	School districts are required to show compliance with the Basic Education entitlement requirements and the minimum high school graduation requirements. All 295 districts have submitted appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance. Board Members are asked to certify that all districts are in compliance.	
Possible Board Action:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
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Synopsis:	This memo summarizes the process that districts use to certify that they are compliant with Basic Education requirements, including 180 half days, or its equivalent, for the Kindergarten program; at least 450 instructional hours for Kindergarten; 180 school days for students in grades 1-12; an average of 1,000 instructional hours in grades 1-12; and compliance with state graduation requirements. All districts certify that they are in compliance.	

BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM COMPLIANCE BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Background

School districts are required to show compliance with the Basic Education entitlement requirements and the minimum high school graduation requirements.¹ School districts demonstrate compliance by submitting SPI Form 1497 to the State Board of Education by September 15 of each school year. The forms are submitted through iGrants, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's electronic grants and reporting system.

The SBE must certify whether each school district is in compliance and provide that information to the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). SPI will distribute the state's basic education allocation funding for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year and the beginning of the 2012-13 school year to all school districts certified by the SBE as in compliance with the Basic Education entitlement requirements.

Categories of Reporting for the 2011-12 School Year:

- **Kindergarten Minimum 180-Day School Year (RCW 28A.150.220) (WAC 180-16-200) (WAC 180-16-215)**
The kindergarten program consists of no less than 180 half days, or the equivalent, per school year.
- **Kindergarten Total Instructional Hour Offering (RCW 28A.150.220)**
The district makes available to students enrolled in kindergarten at least a total instructional offering of four hundred fifty hours.
- **Grades 1-12 Minimum 180-Day School Year (RCW 28A.150.220)**
The school year is accessible to all legally eligible students and consists of:
At least 180 separate school days for students in Grades 1-12; or
An appropriate number of school days based on a waiver approved by the SBE.
- **Grades 1-12 Total Instructional Hour Offering (RCW 28A.150.220)**
The district makes available to students enrolled in grades 1-12 at least a district-wide annual average total instructional hour offering of one thousand hours.
- **State High School Graduation Minimum Requirements (RCW 28A.230.090) (WAC 180-51-061)**
District high schools meet or exceed all state minimum graduation requirements.

¹ WAC 180-16-191 through WAC 180-16-225, RCW 28A.150.220, and RCW 28A.150.250

Policy Consideration

All of the 295 Washington State school districts have provided their compliance with the Basic Education entitlement requirements for the 2011-12 school year by submitting SPI Form 1497.

Expected Action

The SBE will certify that all 295 school districts are in compliance with the Basic Education allocation entitlement requirements.