

Legislative Update

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SBE Legislative Priorities

(adopted January 2013)

Graduation requirements

Career & College-Ready graduation requirements

School Improvement

Implementation of Phase II of 6696 – resources for school improvement and Required Action Districts (RAD)

School days and hours

Strengthening the 180-day school year

Compulsory school attendance

Amending the compulsory school attendance law to lower the age from eight to six years.

Alternative Learning Experiences (ALE)

Full funding for ALE Programs, with provisions for program and fiscal accountability.

Assessment

Modifying the state assessment system to incorporate the SBAC tests in a meaningful, aligned way.

Basic Education Funding

Implementation of HB 2261 & HB 2776, and identification of sustainable revenue source for basic education.

Graduation Requirements

- “The legislature intends to formally authorize, and provide sufficient resources for, implementation of the opportunity for students to complete twenty-four credits for graduation through a comprehensive approach that includes increased instructional hours, expansion of the learning assistance program and transitional bilingual instructional programs, and resources to support additional family engagement and counseling.”
- Authorizes implementation of the career and college ready diploma for seniors in 2018-19 to attempt 24 credits for graduation.

Priority Bill: HB 1692

Implementing career and college ready graduation requirements

School Improvement

- Uses Achievement Index to identify challenged schools in need of improvement.
- Incorporates seven federal turnaround principles.
- RAD applies equally to Title I and non Title I schools.
- SBE shall establish accountability framework in rule, and a system must be implemented by SPI no later than 2014-15 SY.

Priority Bill: HB 1177

Modifying the education accountability system to allow state criteria, resources, and strategies to be used for assistance and intervention.

Monitoring HB 5329 – Transforming persistently failing schools

School Days & Hours

- SB 5588 - JLARC must conduct an analysis of how school districts use school days.
 - Not scheduled for public hearing and executive session in Senate Ways & Means before March 1.
- HB 1492 – Expanding 4-Day School Week Waiver Statewide (Economic & Efficiency Waiver)
 - Not moved out of the House Committee on Education before February 22.

Priority Bill: HB 1369

Using school days for meeting with parents and families as part of the Washington inventory of developing skills (up to 3 days)

Compulsory School Attendance

- Compulsory Age: From 8 to 6
- BECCA Bill implications
- Districts are no longer required to file a civil action against parents after seven unexcused absences in a month or 10 unexcused absences in a year of an enrolled 6- or 7-year-old.

Priority Bill: HB 1283

Compulsory school attendance is lowered from age 8 to age 6.

Alternative Learning Experiences (ALE)

- ALE programs are re-designated as ALE courses and defined as a delivery method for the program of basic education.
- ALE courses are divided into three types: hybrid courses, remote courses, and online courses.
- Students enrolled in ALE courses must have their primary instructional interaction occur with a certificated teacher.
- Full funding for ALE set to resume in 2013-15, assuming no new legislation to the contrary (Separate from this bill)

Priority Bill : SB 5794

Concerning alternative learning experience courses.
(heavily amended version of Superintendent Dorn's original bill)

Assessment

- SBAC tests must be administered by 2014-15
- Phases out End-of-Course testing in math over long-term
- Beginning with the graduating class of 2017, a student must meet the state standards on the new SBAC comprehensive ELA and math assessments or approved alternatives to earn the CAA and graduate from high school.
- School districts must still offer retakes at least twice a year.
- Moves toward using 11th grade test for graduation over long-term.

Priority Bill : SB 5587

Student Assessments

Basic Education Funding

HB 1692 only bill moving

This issue will likely play out in budget bill

- Implements QEC recommended values into prototypical school funding model.

SB 5570

Concerning school funding

- Authorizes implementation of the 24 credit package and
- Funding enhancements in ELL, LAP, and high school counseling and support.

HB 1692

Career and college ready grad requirements

- Imposes a tax on selling or exchanging capital assets.
- Expands funding for K-3 class size reduction, early childhood education and assistance program slots,
- All-day kindergarten, and a variety of other programs.
- Provides for submission of the act to a vote of the people.

SB 5738

Providing a funding source to improve education

Education System

- SBE and OSPI must establish a process for identifying realistic but challenging system-wide performance goals and measurements for each of the statewide indicators.

Priority Bill: SB 5491

Establishing statewide indicators of educational health

Discussion Points

1. School Improvement, Accountability, & Required Action
2. Graduation Requirements
 - Concern among legislators that new requirements will ‘crowd out’ rigorous CTE offerings.
 - What role could/should SBE play in building robust CTE course equivalencies?