

LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT'S NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

BACKGROUND

In May of 2009, the La Center School District Board of Directors approved new high school graduation requirements that align with the current expectations of CORE 24. This concludes more than 18 months of work and discussion to implement these new expectations.

The new requirements create three pathways to the same La Center High School diploma; the pathway students select will be tailored to prepare them to meet the demands of their chosen postsecondary learning opportunities. This "multiple pathways to a single diploma" concept focuses on preparing students for their next point in learning (elementary to middle school, middle school to high school, and post-secondary learning opportunities).

Each pathway (technical, academic, honors) requires 24 credits, including two credits in arts and three in science. Only students in the academic and honors pathways must earn two credits in world languages.

The requirements will be effective for the class of 2013.

EXPECTED ACTION

No action will be taken at the September meeting.

La Center High School Graduation Requirements

NEW Requirements - The Pathway Model

		Previous Requirements	General Studies	Technical Focus	Academic Focus	Honors Focus
	Notes					
	English	4	4	4	4	4
	Mathematics (1)	2	3	3	3	4
	Social studies	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4
	Science	2	3	3	3	4
	Occupational Education (2)	1	1	3	1	1
	Fitness (3)	2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
	Health	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	World Language (4)	0	0	0	2	2
	Fine, Visual or Performing Arts (5)	1	2	2	2	2
	Focus (Career Planning/Portfolio)	0.5	0	0	0	0
	Senior Seminar	0.5	0	0	0	0
	Electives	6	5.5	3.5	3.5	1
	Total Credits (6)	23	24	24	24	24

Notes

- (1) Entrance into 4-year universities in Washington State will require either a math credit or a math based science course in the senior year.
- (2) Three credits must be linked to the student's high school and beyond plan. One of these credits must be an occupational education credit. These three credits are known as a student's Career Concentration.
- (3) One PE credit can be waived if participating in two or more sports over the course of grades 9 - 12.
- (4) Entrance into most 4-year universities require two years of a second language for acceptance.
- (5) Student seeking to participate in band, choir or drama all four years of high school may be required to take on-line courses and/or seek PE waivers to create credit capacity. Please see counselor for details.
- (6) Students will be required to complete their high school and beyond plan and culminating project as part of their graduation requirements.

La Center Pathways to the Future

Careers that are supported by Post-Secondary Training/Education

