

State Requirements for the Class of 2016

Cohort: Students entering 9th grade from July 2012 through June 2013

2016 Graduation Requirements

Credits: 20

Non-Credits: High School & Beyond Plan,
Washington State History

Assessments: 3 or 4

Districts may have local requirements. Students and parents should check with school counselors for additional requirements for graduation. The requirements for the

Class of 2016 are described in [WAC 180-51-067](#).

An automatic 2-year extension for implementing the additional credits required for the Class of 2016 was available to districts that applied. For these districts, the credit requirements for the Class of 2015 are extended through the Class of 2018. A list of districts with extensions is available at:

<http://www.sbe.wa.gov/documents/GradRequirements/TwoYearExtensionDistricts.pdf>.

Credit Requirements

Total number of credits: 20

Subject	Number of Credits	Additional Information
English	4	
Math	3	Algebra 1 or integrated Math 1 Geometry or Integrated Math 2 Algebra 2 or Integrated Math 3, or a 3rd credit of math*
Science	2	At least one lab
Social Studies	3	U.S. History and Government Contemporary World History, Geography, and Problems .5 credits of Civics (civics content may be embedded in another social studies course) .5 credits of Social Studies Elective
Arts	1	Performing or visual arts

Health and Fitness	2	.5 credits of Health 1.5 credits of Fitness Students must earn credit for physical education unless excused per RCW 28A.230.050
Occupational Education	1	A CTE course, or a course that meets the definition of an exploratory course as described in the CTE program standards
Electives	4	

*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](#)).

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Non-Credit Requirements

- [High School and Beyond Plan](#)
- Washington State History

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Assessments

(See [OSPI testing webpage](#). For more information on state-approved alternative assessments see [OSPI graduation alternatives webpage](#).)

- Reading High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) and Writing High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) **or** high school English language arts Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) (or state-approved alternative)
- One math End-of-Course Exam (EOC) in Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 **or** Geometry/Integrated Math 2 (or state-approved alternative)
- Biology End-of-Course Exam (or state-approved alternative)



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