



## 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 <sup>th</sup> grade after July 1 of:	2008 See note (1)	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013						
<b>English</b>	3	3	3	3	<b>4</b> See note (2)	4						
<b>Mathematics</b>	2	<b>3</b>	3	3	3	3						
							algebra 1 or integrated math 1					
							algebra 2 or integrated math 3, or a 3 <sup>rd</sup> credit of math other than algebra 2, see note (3)					
<b>Science Including at least 1 lab</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2						
<b>Social Studies</b>	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	<b>3</b> 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	
<b>Arts</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1						
							.5 social studies elective					
<b>Health and Fitness</b>	2	2	2	2	Health	<b>.5</b>						
					Students must earn credits unless excused per RCW 28A.230.050				Fitness	<b>1.5</b>		
<b>Occupational Education</b>	1	1	1	1	1 See note (5)	1						
<b>Electives</b>	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	<b>4</b>	4						
<b>Total Required Credits</b> See note (6)	19	<b>20</b>	20	20	20	20						
<b>Non-credit Requirements</b>	Culminating Project											
	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											
<b>Assessments</b>	Reading and Writing High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE)			Reading and Writing HSPE, or ELA SBAC, or 10 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA Exit Exam See note (8)		10 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA Exit Exam, or ELA SBAC See note (8)						
	Math HSPE, or one Math EOC, or earn 2 credits of math after 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade it fulfills the requirement, but high school credit will be awarded only if the academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The 10<sup>th</sup> 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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