

# Equivalency Credit Opportunities

## I. Experiential Education Opportunities

-The district may grant credit, including high school graduation credit, for school planned or approved learning experiences which may be conducted away from the facilities owned, operated, or supervised by the district or conducted primarily by individuals not employed by the district.

To grant credit for such experiences, a proposal for approval of credit must be submitted to the district's designated team.

-The proposal shall include the following elements:

- (a) Name of program or planned learning experience;
- (b) Length of time for which approval is desired;
- (c) Objectives of the program or planned learning experience;
- (d) Which one or more of the state learning goals and related essential academic learning requirements are part of the program or planned learning experience;
- (e) Description of how credits shall be determined (completion of a district-defined course or satisfactory demonstration of proficiency ~~or competency/mastery~~ in the related state learning standards in accord with WAC ~~180-51-050(1))~~ and WAC 180-51-051;
- (f) Content outline of the program and/or major learning activities and instructional materials to be used;
- (g) Description of how student performance will be assessed;
- (h) Qualifications of instructional personnel;
- (i) Plans for evaluation of program; and
- (j) How and by whom the student will be supervised.

- Approved experiences may include, but are not limited to, the following: - School planned or approved learning experiences such as travel study, work study, private lessons, and education programs sponsored by governmental agencies.

## II. Career and Technical Education Courses Provided by the District

Until September 1, 2021, the district will offer high school students with the opportunity to access at least one career and technical education course that is considered a statewide equivalency course as determined by the ~~office~~Office of ~~the superintendent~~Superintendent of ~~public instruction~~Public Instruction under RCW 28A.700.070.

On or after September 1, 2021, any statewide equivalency course offered by the district or accessed at a skill center will be offered for academic credit.

The district may also adopt local course equivalencies for career and technical education courses that are not on the list of courses approved by the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.700.070.

Each high school will adopt core academic course equivalencies for high school career and technical courses, provided that the career and technical course has been reviewed and approved for equivalency credit by a district team appointed by the superintendent or a designee.

-The district team will include a school administrator, the career and technical administrator, an instructor from the core academic subject area, an instructor from the appropriate career

and technical course, a school counselor, and a representative from the curriculum department.

Career and technical courses approved for equivalency will be:

1. Aligned with the state's essential academic learning requirements and grade level expectations; and
2. Aligned with current industry standards, as evidenced in the curriculum frameworks. The local career and technical advisory committee will certify that courses meet industry standards.
3. Recorded on the student's transcripts as the academic course the equivalence credit fulfills.

### III. Computer Science Courses

#### AP courses

The board will approve Advanced Placement (AP) computer science courses as equivalent to high school mathematics or science. The superintendent or designee will adopt procedures to denote on the student's transcript that AP computer science qualifies as a math-based quantitative course for students who complete it in their senior year.

#### Competency Mastery-based credits

~~The district~~Students may ~~award academic credit for~~ obtain up to one (1) computer science ~~to students based on student completion of credit for passing a competency examination~~district-created assessment that is aligned ~~with the~~to state learning standards for computer science or mathematics and course equivalency requirements adopted by the office of the superintendent of public instruction (OSPI). Students do not need to have attempted and failed a course before being eligible for these options.

#### Options may include:

- Locally created written or oral test;
- Written report by the student;
- Student-designed portfolio of work;
- Student presentation or oral defense of their learning in the course;
- Hands-on demonstration of knowledge and skills;
- A combination of assessment approaches, as defined by the district; or
- other locally developed methods.

~~Successful completion of next higher-level course: Credit may be awarded for a course when the student successfully completes the next higher-level course in a sequence that includes a natural progression of the state learning standards from the previous course. State or locally determined learning standards will be used as the guide when making decisions regarding what courses should qualify.~~

~~Mastery-based credit is available in the following computer science courses: if the student achieves a C or higher grade in the next-higher level course.~~

~~To receive competencymastery-based credits for computer science, a student must take a mastery/competency examination that OSPI has found aligns with the state learning standards for computer science or mathematics and that aligns with course equivalency~~



	equivalencies—Duties of school boards of directors—Waivers
RCW 28A.230.097	Career and technical high school course equivalencies.
RCW 28A.230.120	High School Diplomas – Issuance- Option to receive final transcripts – Notice
WAC 180-51	High school graduation requirements
WAC 392-410	Courses of study and equivalencies

Management Resources:

- 2018 – May Issue
- 2019 - July Policy [Issue](#)
- 2013 - September Issue
- Policy News, August 2006 Legislature Codifies Course Equivalency for Career and Technical Courses

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