

Washington State Graduation Requirements 2012 to 2016

Credits in bold red denote a change from the previous year

Class of:	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016				
Entering 9 th grade after July 1 of:	2008 See note (1)	2009	2010	2011	2012				
English	3	3	3	3	4 See note (2)				
Mathematics	2	3	3	3	3				
		algebra 1 or integrated math 1							
		geometry or integrated math 2							
		algebra 2 or integrated math 3 or 3 rd credit of math other than algebra 2, see note (3)							
Science Including at least 1 lab	2	2	2	2	2				
Social Studies	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3 See note (2)				
					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 .5 social studies elective
Arts	1	1	1	1	1				
Health and Fitness Students must earn credits unless excused per RCW 28A.230.050	2	2	2	2	Health	.5			
					Fitness	1.5			
Occupational Education	1	1	1	1	1 See note (5)				
Electives	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	4				
Total Required Credits See note (6)	19	20	20	20	20				
Non-credit Requirements	Culminating Project								
	High School and Beyond Plan								
	Certificate of Academic Achievement or Individual Achievement awarded to students who pass the required assessments								
Assessments	Meet proficiency on reading and writing HSPE or state-approved alternative								
	Pass math HSPE, or one math EOC, or earn 2 credits of math after 10 th grade See note (7)	Pass one math end-of-course (EOC) exam or state approved alternative		Pass two math EOCs or state-approved alternative Pass one science EOC in biology or state-approved alternative					

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) Automatic 2-year extensions for implementing additional credits were available to districts that applied.
- (3) 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 student 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 7th or 8th grade it fulfills the requirement, but high school credit will be awarded only if the academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for 8th 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.