

Earn High School Credit

Washington requires public school graduates to complete a **minimum of 19 credits** in order to graduate. Beginning with the Class of 2013, public school students must complete a minimum of 20 credits with the addition of a third math credit. Many local school districts, however, require students to earn credits beyond the state minimum.

Subject	Minimum state graduation requirements	Minimum requirements for your school district*	Minimum requirements for public, four-year colleges and universities**	Recommended courses for highly selective colleges and universities
English	3 credits		4 years	4 years
Math	2 credits (3 for class of 2013 and beyond)		3 years***	3-4 years***
Science (one must be a lab)	2 credits		2 years	3-4 years
Social Studies (including U.S. and Washington state history)	2.5 credits		3 years	3-4 years
World language (same language)	0 credits		2 years	3-4 years
Visual or performing arts	1 credit		1 year	2-3 years
Health and fitness	2 credits		* Your school's requirements may be higher than the state minimums. ** Students must have a minimum 2.00 grade point average. *** Must be Algebra II or higher.	
Occupational education	1 credit			
Electives	5.5 credits			
Total	19 credits (20 for the class of 2013 and beyond)			