

# Guide to Graduation

How to navigate the different pathways to  
a high school diploma in Washington



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# What's Important?

- This school year, there are **three** classes in **four** grades (9-12) that have different graduation requirements:
  - Class of 2012 (reading & writing, 19 credits min.)
  - Classes of 2013 & 2014, (reading, writing, math & 3 math credits)
  - Class of 2015 and beyond (reading, writing, 2 math, science and 3 math credits)
- With all these changes, students receiving special education services earn a diploma the same way: **with the IEP team helping to guide them.**

# Know Your Resources

- [www.WAtesting.com](http://www.WAtesting.com)
- [www.k12.wa.us/Resources](http://www.k12.wa.us/Resources)

- Graduation in Washington toolkit
- Earning a Diploma
- Graduation Checklist (by class)
- How Special Education Students Participate in State Testing



- Before you call OSPI, speak to your special education director or district assessment coordinator
- OSPI state testing/grad requirements questions:
  - (360) 725-6032, [statetesting@k12.wa.us](mailto:statetesting@k12.wa.us), [gradreq@k12.wa.us](mailto:gradreq@k12.wa.us)

# Class of 2012

- Pass reading and writing state assessments\*
- Pass math assessment\* OR earn 2 credits of math after 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Meet state and local credit requirements
- Submit successful culminating project and high school and beyond plan
- **NOTE:** Same requirements from Class of 2008 to 2012

\* Or alternate assessments for students receiving special education services



# Classes of 2013 & 2014

- Pass reading and writing state assessments\*
- Pass math assessment\*
- Meet state and local credit requirements
- Submit successful culminating project and high school and beyond plan

**NOTE:** Students also required to earn a third math credit

\* Or alternate assessments for students receiving special education services



# Class of 2015 & Beyond

- Pass reading and writing state assessments\*
- Pass 2 math assessments (EOCs)\*
- Pass science assessment (biology EOC)\*
- Meet state and local credit requirements
- Submit successful culminating project and high school and beyond plan

\* Or alternate assessments for students in special education



# End-of-course Exams

- Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC
- Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC
- Biology EOC (beginning in spring 2012)

## **Most common question:**

**Q:** What if a 10<sup>th</sup> grader has not yet taken Algebra 1, do they still have to take a math EOC?

**A:** Yes. They must take a math exam in 10<sup>th</sup> grade for AYP purposes. After that, they can take the assessment their IEP team deems most appropriate.



# End-of-course Exams

- All students in the classes of 2014 and beyond (except WAAS-Portfolio students) must take a state math exam in 10th grade for AYP purposes. Following that, it's up to each IEP team, using **RCW 28A.155.045**, to determine the most appropriate path for a student to meet the math assessment graduation requirement, whether that's the Basic, DAPE or LDA. Students taking the Basic, DAPE, LDA or Portfolio would not have to pass two math exams.

# The Third Math Credit

- Students in the Class of 2013 and beyond must earn three math credits to be eligible for a diploma. The most common path is:
  - Algebra 1
  - Geometry
  - Algebra 2, or CTE equivalent

**Q:** Do students receiving special education students have to take these courses?

**A:** No. Just like any course requirement, a student's IEP team would determine the most appropriate path.



# Testing Accommodations

- Please contact your school and/or district assessment coordinator about testing accommodations.
- The Accommodations Manual is located on the Washington Alternate Assessment System page: [www.k12.wa.us/assessment/AlternativeAssessment](http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/AlternativeAssessment) (click on “Accommodations” on the left-hand side)
- At this time, no changes are planned for the Accommodations Manual for the 2011-12 school year.

# Questions?

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