



# Class of 2020

## Graduation Requirements Checklist

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

This graduation requirements checklist is for students in the Class of 2020 (students who entered 9th grade in the 2016–17 school year). To earn a diploma, a student must pass state exams in English Language Arts, Science, and Math. Additional requirements are listed below. The “High School Credits” section depends on local requirements.

Students who do not meet standard on the regular state assessments required for graduation may use state-approved alternatives found on page 2 of this document, depending upon eligibility.

If a student receives **special education** services, his/her Individualized Education Program (IEP) team guides the decision about which state assessments or alternatives are appropriate to fulfill the assessment graduation requirements (please see “Special Education and State Testing” at [www.k12.wa.us/Resources](http://www.k12.wa.us/Resources)).

Students who **transfer** into Washington public schools may either apply for a waiver of the assessment graduation requirements or, depending on their situation, may be eligible to access the Graduation Alternatives without attempting the state assessments.

See your school counselor for additional information.

<p><b>HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS:</b></p> <p>See <a href="#">Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-51-068</a> for details</p> <p>English Required _____ Earned _____</p> <p>Math Required _____ Earned _____</p> <p>Science Required _____ Earned _____</p> <p>Social Studies Required _____ Earned _____</p> <p>Arts Required _____ Earned _____</p> <p>Health &amp; Fitness Required _____ Earned _____</p> <p>Languages Required _____ Earned _____</p> <p>Occupational Education Required _____ Earned _____</p> <p>Electives Required _____ Earned _____</p> <p>Other: _____</p> <p>_____ Required _____ Earned _____</p>	<p><b>STATE EXAMS:</b></p> <p>See page 2 for details</p> <p>English Language Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</p> <p>Science <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</p> <p>Math <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</p> <hr/> <p><b>HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN:</b></p> <p>Designed to help students regularly think about their future and select course work that will best prepare them for their post high school goals, created in cooperation with parents/guardians and school staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete</p>
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# Class of 2020 State Testing Requirements

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	SCIENCE	MATH
<b>English language arts (ELA) requirement has been met by (choose one):</b>	<b>Science requirement has been met by (choose one):</b>	<b>Math requirement has been met by (choose one):</b>
Scoring at least 2548 on Smarter Balanced ELA test.	Passing Biology End-of-Course (EOC) exam.*	Scoring at least 2595 on Smarter Balanced Math test.
Scoring CIA cut score (Level 2) on the Smarter Balanced ELA test (limited to students in special education, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>	Scoring CIA cut score (Level 2) on the Biology EOC* (limited to students in special education, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>	Scoring CIA cut score (Level 2) on the Smarter Balanced Math test (limited to students in special education, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>
Passing ELA Washington-Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM) (limited to students with significant cognitive challenges, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>	Passing Science Washington-Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM) (limited to students with significant cognitive challenges, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>	Passing Math Washington-Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM) (limited to students with significant cognitive challenges, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>
Using GPA Comparison option. <sup>++</sup>	Using GPA Comparison option. <sup>++</sup>	Using GPA Comparison option. <sup>++</sup>
Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams or 4 or higher on one of the IB exams approved for ELA. <sup>++</sup>	Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams or 4 or higher on one of the IB exams approved for Science. <sup>++</sup>	Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams or 4 or higher on one of the IB exams approved for Math. <sup>++</sup>
Earning a high enough score on the SAT or ACT Plus Writing. <sup>++</sup>	Earning a high enough score on the ACT. <sup>++</sup>	Earning a high enough score on the SAT or ACT. <sup>++</sup>
Passing ELA Collection of Evidence (COE). <sup>++</sup>	Passing Biology Collection of Evidence (COE). <sup>++</sup>	Passing Math Collection of Evidence (COE). <sup>++</sup>
Passing Off-Grade Level assessment in ELA (limited to 11th and 12th graders receiving special education, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>	Passing Off-Grade Level assessment in Science (limited to 11th and 12th graders receiving special education, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>	Passing Off-Grade Level assessment in Math (limited to 11th and 12th graders receiving special education, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>
Passing a Locally Determined Assessment (LDA) in ELA (limited to 12th graders receiving special education, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>	Passing a Locally Determined Assessment (LDA) in Science (limited to 12th graders receiving special education, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>	Passing a Locally Determined Assessment (LDA) in Math (limited to 12th graders receiving special education, per IEP team). <sup>+</sup>
<b>For students pursuing a diploma without passing a Washington state ELA test, the requirement has been waived by (choose one):</b>	<b>For students pursuing a diploma without passing a Washington state Science test, the requirement has been waived by (choose one):</b>	<b>For students pursuing a diploma without passing a Washington state Math test, the requirement has been waived by (choose one):</b>
Passing an OSPI-approved high school ELA test in another state. <sup>#</sup>	Passing an OSPI-approved high school Science test in another state. <sup>#</sup>	Passing an OSPI-approved high school Math test in another state. <sup>#</sup>
Appealing ELA assessment requirement to the state because of a special circumstance. <sup>###</sup>	Appealing Science assessment requirement to the state because of a special circumstance. <sup>###</sup>	Appealing Math assessment requirement to the state because of a special circumstance. <sup>###</sup>

\* The Biology EOC exit exam is based on the previous Washington State Learning Standards for science.

<sup>+</sup> The decision about how an eligible student participates in statewide assessment is an [Individualized Education Program \(IEP\) team decision](#), not an administrative decision.

<sup>++</sup> Unless a student transferred into Washington public schools in 11th or 12th grade he or she must attempt state assessments once before qualifying for alternatives in each content area ([www.k12.wa.us/assessment/GraduationAlternatives](http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/GraduationAlternatives)).

<sup>#</sup> Must have transferred into Washington public schools from another state or a private school.

<sup>###</sup> Must be a 12th grader and meet the **very** limited criteria outlined in [Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 392-501-601](#) to apply.

# Class of 2020 State Testing Requirements

## Frequently Asked Questions

Students must meet several state and local graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma. **Page 1 of this document includes a checklist of the testing requirements. Page 2 identifies available testing options to fulfill those requirements.**

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions about state exams. For additional information, please contact your school counselor or visit [www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements](http://www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements).

### What is the state high school testing graduation requirement for the Class of 2020?

Students must meet standard in English language arts (ELA), math, and science to be eligible to graduate. See page 2 of this document for tests and alternatives.

### Are there options for students eligible for special education services if the state tests are not appropriate?

Individualized Education Plan (IEP) teams determine which approved alternatives students receiving special education services may use to fulfill assessment graduation requirements.

Districts have procedures that allow students who are eligible for special education to exempt course or credit requirements when there is a direct relationship between the failure to meet course or credit requirements and the student's disability (see [WAC 180-51-115](#)).

### When are spring high school test results returned?

- **Smarter Balanced:** Within a few weeks of the student completing the test
- **EOC:** August
- **WA-AIM:** July

### When can I retake a state exam I didn't pass?

- **Smarter Balanced:** November and March-June
- **EOC:** January-February and May-June
- **WA-AIM:** September-November and October-April

Other tests that can be used as assessment graduation alternatives, like SAT, ACT, AP, and IB, have time frames set by the organizations that provide them. The state has no input into these testing schedules.

### What happens if I haven't met all of my assessment graduation requirements, but have passed all of my other requirements?

You will not earn a diploma. Passing state tests or alternatives is a graduation requirement, unless waived under very limited conditions (see your school counselor for more information).

### If I haven't passed all my state exams or required classes, will I still be able to walk with my class at graduation?

Local school districts have policies addressing who participates in graduation ceremonies.

### Can I take one of the assessment options, such as the collection of evidence or SAT, instead of taking the state exams?

Not *instead* of the state exams, but as an additional opportunity if you are *not successful* on the state exams. Students must attempt each state exam at least once before accessing state-approved alternatives.

However, if a student transfers into Washington public schools in the 11th or 12th grade, other criteria may allow the student to access to graduation alternatives without first attempting the state assessment.

### How many credits do I need to graduate?

While the state requires a minimum of 24 credits (see [WAC 180-51-068](#)), most school districts require more. **You must meet your local district requirements to graduate.** Please check with your school to know your exact graduation requirements.

### If I pass all the state-required credits, can I earn a state diploma?

There is no state diploma. Local school districts issue diplomas.

### What are my options if I don't graduate on time?

- **Remain at your high school.** K–12 public education is free until age 21.
- **Enroll in a high school completion program at a community or technical college.** These programs typically cost money if you are between the ages of 16 and 18. If you're 19 or older, colleges have the option to waive tuition. Check if the college you would like to attend offers a high school completion program.
- **Begin college courses at a community or technical college without a high school diploma.**
- **Pursue a high school equivalency certificate.** A certificate is earned after passing a series of tests. Students under age 19 must have a release from their high school to participate in a high school equivalency program.