

# OSPI Rule Making Public Hearing

## Public Hearing and Comment Period for Rule Making

OSPI will hold a public hearing for proposed changes to rules, also known as Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Changes to the following WAC chapters or sections are being considered:

- **Chapter 392-210, re: Honors Awards Program**

The purpose of the hearing and comment period is to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the WAC/rule language. **Please review the proposed changes before submitting comments or testifying.**

## Participating in the Public Hearing and Comment Period

Due to ongoing public health concerns caused by the COVID-19 virus, the public hearing will be held online, via Zoom.

You can participate in the rules hearing and comment period by:

**1. Submitting written comments by Tuesday, October 4, 2022:**

- **Email:** [tony.may@k12.wa.us](mailto:tony.may@k12.wa.us) (please include "Rules" in email subject line)
- **Mail:** OSPI, Attn: Tony May, PO Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504

**2. Attend the public hearing (webinar).** Please follow the link below to register to participate in the hearing. Once registered, you will receive the hearing link via email.

- **Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 2:00pm.** [Add your name to the participant list \(link\).](#)
- If you plan to testify during the hearing, please indicate that when you register. For those testifying, each person will have up to five (5) minutes to comment during the hearing. Please ensure your comments are specific to the proposed WAC language.

For questions about the rules hearing process, please contact the OSPI Rules Coordinator, Kristin Murphy, at [Kristin.murphy@k12.wa.us](mailto:Kristin.murphy@k12.wa.us).



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 06-23-014, filed 11/3/06, effective 12/4/06)

**WAC 392-210-015 Criteria for the selection of Washington state honors award students.** The Washington state honors award program shall recognize the top ten percent of the students in the state in each year's public and private high school graduating class who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. Outstanding academic achievement shall be determined by the following criteria:

(1) ~~((An academic achievement index based upon a combination of the combined))~~ The office of superintendent of public instruction shall identify the top ten percent of students in the state using the cumulative high school grade point average (calculated as provided in WAC 180-57-055) ((in)) including, but not limited to, the academic core subjects of English, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, and languages other than English which may include American Indian languages ((and the combined verbal and quantitative composite scores on));

(2) For students with a grade point average (GPA) in the top ten percent in the state, high schools shall use at least one of the assessments available for students, which can include the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) ((or)), the American College Test (ACT), the state-wide English language arts and mathematics assessments, or local assessments to evaluate students' academic achievement;

~~((2) Credits (as defined in WAC 180-51-050) earned in grades nine through twelve in the academic core subjects of English, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, and foreign language;))~~

(3) Completion of at least seventy-five percent of the graduation requirements for the high school in which the candidate is enrolled; and

(4) Enrollment in at least three academic core subjects in grade twelve.

~~((In order to be considered for a Washington honors award, students must have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) prior to January 31 of the year of graduation and be enrolled in a participating high school as indicated by the principal on forms provided by the superintendent of public instruction.))~~

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 06-23-014, filed 11/3/06, effective 12/4/06)

**WAC 392-210-020 ((Determination of)) Identification of students for the Washington state honors award ((academic achievement index)).** ~~((The superintendent of public instruction shall calculate the academic achievement index based upon an equivalent numeric weighting of the combined high school grade point average in academic core subjects and the combined verbal and quantitative composite scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT). The superintendent of public instruction shall determine the top ten percent of each year's graduating class based upon a ranking of all participating students on the academic achievement index.))~~ All participating high schools shall use the eligibility criteria to identify the qualifying

students for the award on or before the date provided by the superintendent of public instruction.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 06-23-014, filed 11/3/06, effective 12/4/06)

**WAC 392-210-035 Notification of students eligible for honors award.** Commencing with the ninth grade, and each year thereafter, each participating high school shall provide each enrolled student with a copy of the eligibility criteria for the Washington state honors award. ~~((The superintendent of public instruction shall provide schools with a suggested format that may be used to notify students.))~~

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 06-23-014, filed 11/3/06, effective 12/4/06)

**WAC 392-210-045 Washington honors award certificate.** The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare annually for each honors award recipient a suitable ~~((printed))~~ certificate which shall describe the purposes of the award, indicate the year in which the award was given, and be signed by the superintendent of public instruction. The certificate for each honors award recipient shall be delivered to the participating high school principal on or before May 30 of each school year. ~~((Each participating principal shall provide for issuing the certificate to each recipient at the regular high school commencement or other appropriate time prior to high school commencement.))~~

REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

- WAC 392-210-025 Credits earned in academic core subjects.
- WAC 392-210-030 Enrollment in academic core subjects during grade twelve required.
- WAC 392-210-040 Notification of Washington honors award recipients.