

State Testing Graduation Requirements

The Washington State graduation requirements are designed to ensure students have a solid foundation of core skills, no matter the path they choose after high school. We encourage families and students to meet regularly with their school counselors to ensure they are on track for graduation.

NOTE: Recent state legislation (July 2017) modified some policies regarding the state testing graduation requirements. One change is that the Science testing graduation requirement was postponed till class of 2021. Another change is the elimination of the COE (Collection of Evidence) as a CAA alternative. The new law is currently being reviewed by the State Assessment Office and not all details have been made available as yet.

Graduating class is determined when a student first enters ninth grade.

Classes of 2020 and Prior	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH
<p>Pass the SBA English Language Arts exam at the Graduation Requirement passing score * (for class of 2016 and prior, student may pass the HSPE Reading and Writing tests instead) —OR— Pass state-approved alternative **</p>	<p>Pass the SBA math exam at the Graduation Requirement passing score * (for class of 2018 and prior, student may pass an Algebra or Geometry EOC exam instead) —OR— Pass state-approved alternative **</p>

Classes of 2021 and Beyond		
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH	SCIENCE
<p>Pass the SBA English Language Arts exam at the Graduation Requirement passing score * —OR— Pass state-approved alternative **</p>	<p>Pass the SBA math exam at the Graduation Requirement passing score * —OR— Pass state-approved alternative **</p>	<p>SCIENCE Pass the state Science exam. —OR— Pass state-approved alternative **</p>

* **There are two different levels at which you can pass an SBA exam:**

Career and College Readiness (CCR) passing score	Graduation Requirement passing score
<p>Student scores within Performance Level 3 or 4 Meets state testing graduation requirements AND may give the student the benefit of being eligible in college to enroll directly into credit-bearing entry level courses in that content area (avoiding remedial courses).</p>	<p>There are specific minimum scores within Level 2 Performance Level that meet the state testing graduation requirements. ELA: Student must score 2548 or higher Math: Student must score 2595 or higher</p>

** **State-approved alternative assessments:**

Students must take a high school state exam at least once before using a state-approved alternative. Students who enroll in a WA state public school for the first time in their junior or senior year may be able to use these options without having first attempted a state test, depending on their date of enrollment.

OUT OF STATE WAIVERS: Students who enroll for the first time in a WA state public school during their junior or senior year, who have passing state test scores from another state, **may** be eligible for a waiver from WA state testing graduation requirements for those content areas. Your school counselor will be able to help you determine if this applies.

For more information about state testing in the Edmonds school district (and for additional translations as they become available) please visit the **State Testing** link found on the Edmonds School District main webpage under **Site Shortcuts**.