

## Waiver of High School Graduation Credits Policy 2418

The board seeks to provide all students with the opportunity to complete graduation requirements without discrimination and without disparate impact on groups of students. In so doing, the board acknowledges that circumstances may arise that prevent a student from earning all twenty-six credits required for high school graduation. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Homelessness;
- B. A health condition resulting in an inability to attend class;
- C. Limited English proficiency;
- D. Disability, regardless of whether the student has an individualized education program or a plan under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- E. Denial of an opportunity to retake classes or enroll in remedial classes free of charge during the first four years of high school;
- F. Transfer during the last two years of high school from a school with different graduation requirements;
- G. In or have been released from an institutional education facility; and
- H. Other circumstance(s) (e.g., emergency, natural disaster, trauma, personal or family crisis) that directly compromised a student's ability to learn.

The board delegates to the superintendent or his/her designee discretion to grant a waiver of credits required for graduation. A student's parent/guardian or an adult student must file the district's required paperwork with the building principal prior to the superintendent approval 30 days before graduation. In order to graduate, students must apply for a waiver to be approved for the state minimum 24 credit graduation diploma per WAC 180.51.068. Additional waivers, must be submitted to building principal and superintendent.

Students must still fulfill all other graduation requirements, including Assessments and Non-Credit Requirements referenced in Policy 2410, High School Graduation Requirements.

Cross References: Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements

Legal References: RCW 28A.230.090 High school graduation requirements or equivalencies- High school graduation requirements and waivers – Reevaluation of graduation requirements – Language requirements – Credit for courses taken before attending high school – Postsecondary credit equivalencies  
RCW 28A.345.080 Model policy and procedure for granting waivers of credit for high school graduation.

WAC 180-51-068 State subject and credit requirements for high school graduation – Students entering ninth grade on or after July 1, 2015

Management                    WAC 180-51-050 High school credit – Definition.  
Resources:                    *Policy &*  
                                      *Legal News*  
                                      2021 – June Issue  
                                      2019 – July Issue  
                                      2015 – April Issue

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