



## Class of 2015 Graduation Requirements Checklist

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

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\* [Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 180-51-066\(b\)\(vii\) and \(c\)](#)

\*\* Washington State History is required for graduation. It can be either a “Requirement Met” (non-credit option if the course is taken in middle school) or a high school credit option. Please refer to [WAC 180-51-066\(vii\)\(d\) and \(ii\)\(A–D\)](#) for restricted waiver conditions.

\*\*\* For information specifically about **state exams**, please see page 3.

# Class of 2015 Graduation Requirements

## Frequently Asked Questions

Students in the class of 2015 must meet several state and local graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma. Below are answers to some frequently asked questions about graduation, credits, and diplomas. **Page 1 of this document includes a checklist of graduation requirements.** For additional information, please contact your school counselor.

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

The state requires a minimum of 20 credits, ([Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 180-51-066](#)); 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?

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

### If I don't pass a math EOC, can I earn two math credits after 10th grade instead?

No. That option ended with the class of 2012.

### Is there a different diploma I can earn that says I passed all other requirements except the state high school assessments?

No. Local school districts issue only one diploma. To earn a diploma, students need to pass ***all*** state and local graduation requirements. However, 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](#)).

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

Local school districts decide who participates in graduation ceremonies.

### 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 General Educational Development (GED) certificate.** A GED 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 GED program.

# Class of 2015 State Testing Requirements Checklist

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

This state testing checklist is for students in the class of 2015 (students who entered 9th grade in the 2011–12 school year). To earn a diploma, students must pass one state exam in Reading, Writing and Biology, and two exams in Math (please see page 1 to read about other graduation requirements). If an exam is not passed, the student may meet the requirement through an alternative listed in the table below.

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READING & WRITING		SCIENCE	MATHEMATICS	
State <b>Reading (R) &amp; Writing (W)</b> requirements have been met by (choose one for R and one for W):		State <b>Science</b> requirement has been met by (choose one):	State <b>Math</b> requirement has been met by (choose one for M1 and one for M2, or alternative):	
<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>		<b>M1</b>	<b>M2</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the R & W High School Proficiency Exams (HSPEs).	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Biology End-of-Course (EOC) exam.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing two Math End-of-Course (EOC) exams.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring Level 2 (Basic) on the R & W HSPEs (limited to students in special education, per IEP team*).	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring Level 2 (Basic) on the Biology EOC (limited to students in special education, per IEP team*).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring Level 2 (Basic) on two Math EOC (limited to students in special education, per IEP team*).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the R & W Washington Alternate Assessment System (WAAS) Portfolios (limited to students with significant cognitive challenges).	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Science Washington Alternate Assessment System (WAAS) Portfolios (limited to students with significant cognitive challenges).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing Math Washington Alternate Assessment System (WAAS) Portfolio (limited to students with significant cognitive challenges).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the Grades Comparison option (requires one attempt on each HSPE).	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the Grades Comparison option (requires one attempt on EOC).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the Grades Comparison option (requires one attempt on each EOC).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams approved for R & W (requires one attempt on each HSPE).	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams approved for Science (requires one attempt on EOC).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams approved for Math (requires one attempt on each EOC).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Earning a high enough score on the SAT or ACT for R, or SAT or ACT Plus Writing for W (requires one attempt on each HSPE).	— (SAT or ACT is not an option for Science.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Earning a high enough score on the SAT or ACT for Math (requires one attempt on each EOC).
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Waiving the R & W requirements by passing an OSPI-approved high school Reading or Language Arts test in another state.**	<input type="checkbox"/> Waiving the Science requirement by passing an OSPI-approved high school Science test in another state.**	<input type="checkbox"/> Waiving the Math requirement by passing an OSPI-approved high school Math test in another state.**	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Appealing R & W requirements to the state because of a special circumstance.**	<input type="checkbox"/> Appealing Science requirement to the state because of a special circumstance.**	<input type="checkbox"/> Appealing Math requirement to the state because of a special circumstance.**	

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

\*\* Must have transferred into Washington public schools as a junior or senior.

\*\*\* Must be a senior and meet the criteria outlined in [Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 392-501-601](#) to apply.

# Class of 2015 State Testing Requirements

## Frequently Asked Questions

Students in the class of 2015 must meet several state and local graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma. **Page 3 of this document includes a checklist of all the state testing requirements and options.** Below are answers to some frequently asked questions about state exams. For additional information, please contact your school counselor.

### What is the state high school testing graduation requirement for the Class of 2015?

**READING & WRITING:** Pass the Reading & Writing High School Proficiency Exams (HSPE) or state-approved alternatives.

**SCIENCE:** Pass the Biology End-of-Course (EOC) exam or state-approved alternative.

**MATHEMATICS:** Pass two Math End-of-Course (EOC) exams (algebra 1 and geometry, or the integrated math equivalents) or state-approved alternatives.

Please visit [www.WAtesting.com](http://www.WAtesting.com) for more information.

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

Individualized Education Plan (IEP) teams may determine that a student should be assessed using the Washington Alternate Assessment System-Portfolio, (WAAS) Portfolio. For other students who have not passed state testing in content areas, IEP teams may determine it is appropriate to assess them using alternatives developed to measure their ability.

### When will spring high school test results be returned?

Paper score reports with Reading & Writing results are delivered to districts by June 10 each year. Results for Math EOC and Biology EOC exams will be delivered to districts in September (as those exams are primarily given in early to mid-June).

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

Each August, students may retake the Reading & Writing HSPE. They can register at [www.k12.wa.us/testregistration](http://www.k12.wa.us/testregistration) in June.

The retakes for EOC exams are in January/February of each year.

### What happens if I haven't passed all the state exams or alternative assessments, 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 don't pass a math EOC, can I earn two math credits after 10th grade instead?

No. That option ended with the class of 2012.

### Is there a different diploma I can earn that says I passed all other requirements except the HSPE?

No. School districts only issue one diploma. The assessment graduation requirement must be fulfilled to earn a diploma.

### If I haven't passed all state exams or all my 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 alternatives, 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* in passing the state exams. Students must take each state exam at least once before accessing most state-approved alternatives, unless the student transfers into Washington public schools in the 11th or 12th grade (students must take the state exams at least twice before submitting a Collection of Evidence). Visit OSPI's website at [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us) and click on "Graduation Requirements" in the "Helpful Links" section of the page.