

# Washington High School Assessments and Assessment Graduation Requirements



High school ELA and math assessments are required for state and/or federal accountability when a student is in grade 10. Science is required when a student is in grade 11. See [www.k12.wa.us/assessment/StateTesting](http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/StateTesting) for more details.

	School Year 2018-19	School Year 2019-20	School Year 2020-21	School Year 2021-22
Tests Given	Smarter Balanced ELA – Gr 10, 11, 12 Smarter Balanced Math – Gr 10, 11, 12 WA-AIM ELA and Math – Gr 10, 11, 12 WCAS and WA-AIM Science – Gr 11	Smarter Balanced ELA – Gr 10, 11, 12 Smarter Balanced Math – Gr 10, 11, 12 WA-AIM ELA and Math – Gr 10, 11, 12 WCAS and WA-AIM Science – Gr 11	Smarter Balanced ELA – Gr 10, 11, 12 Smarter Balanced Math – Gr 10, 11, 12 WA-AIM ELA and Math – Gr 10, 11, 12 WCAS and WA-AIM Science – Gr 11, 12	Smarter Balanced ELA – Gr 10, 11, 12 Smarter Balanced Math – Gr 10, 11, 12 WA-AIM ELA and Math – Gr 10, 11, 12 WCAS and WA-AIM Science – Gr 11, 12
Fulfilling Grad Reqs by Class	<i>Class of 2019:</i> ELA – SBA or WA-AIM graduation cut Math – SBA or WA-AIM graduation cut	<i>Class of 2020:</i> ELA – SBA or WA-AIM graduation cut Math – SBA or WA-AIM graduation cut	<i>Class of 2021:</i> ELA – SBA or WA-AIM graduation cut Math – SBA or WA-AIM graduation cut Science – WCAS or WA-AIM graduation cut	<i>Class of 2022:</i> ELA – SBA or WA-AIM graduation cut Math – SBA or WA-AIM graduation cut Science – WCAS or WA-AIM graduation cut
<b>Test by Grade and Class</b>				
Grade 12	<i>Class of 2019:</i> ELA and Math – retake as needed	<i>Class of 2020:</i> ELA and Math – retake as needed	<i>Class of 2021:</i> ELA, Math, Science – retake as needed	<i>Class of 2022:</i> ELA, Math, Science – retake as needed
Grade 11	<i>Class of 2020:</i> ELA and Math – retake as needed Science – accountability	<i>Class of 2021:</i> ELA and Math – retake as needed Science – for accountability and graduation requirements	<i>Class of 2022:</i> ELA and Math – retake as needed Science – for accountability and graduation requirements	<i>Class of 2023:</i> ELA and Math – retake as needed Science – for accountability and graduation requirements
Grade 10	<i>Class of 2021:</i> ELA and Math – for accountability and graduation requirements	<i>Class of 2022:</i> ELA and Math – for accountability and graduation requirements	<i>Class of 2023:</i> ELA and Math – for accountability and graduation requirements	<i>Class of 2024:</i> ELA and Math – for accountability and graduation requirements
Grade 9	<i>Class of 2022:</i> None offered	<i>Class of 2023:</i> None offered	<i>Class of 2024:</i> None offered	<i>Class of 2025:</i> None offered

- **State-approved alternatives for all students include:** ACT, SAT, AP or IB scores, GPA comparison, Dual Credit courses, and Locally Administered Assessments (LAA) tied to Locally Determined Courses (LDC).
- **State-approved CIA alternatives for students with an IEP include:** CIA Cut Score on regular (on-grade) assessments, Off-Grade Level assessments, and Locally Determined Assessments (LDA).
- See [www.k12.wa.us/assessment/GraduationAlternatives/Options.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/GraduationAlternatives/Options.aspx) for more details about state-approved alternatives and waivers, paying careful attention to graduation alternative eligibility criteria at [www.k12.wa.us/assessment/GraduationAlternatives/Eligibility.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/GraduationAlternatives/Eligibility.aspx)

## Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA) Options

### GPA Comparison

A GPA comparison allows student's grades for courses in a specific content area to be compared with the grades of students who took the same courses and passed the same state accountability assessment. This option is available to students in their 11th or 12th grade year who possess a cumulative grade point average  $\geq 3.2$  and have met the Eligibility Criteria.

### College Admission/AP/IB Tests

Students may use scores on college admissions (ACT, ACT with Writing, SAT, SAT with Essay), and specified Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) tests, to show they possess the knowledge and skills expected of high school graduates. Students must meet Eligibility Criteria before submitting scores from any of these examinations.

### Dual Credit Courses

A student who completes a dual credit course in which the student earns college credit may use passage of the course as an objective alternative assessment. A course must satisfy the following three criteria to be considered "dual credit":

1. It generates high school credit toward graduation.
2. It is articulated with, or could directly result in, college credit (100 level or above) from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning.
3. According to the respective regionally accredited institution of higher education, it is classified as an "English" or "Mathematics" course (i.e. ENGL 101, MATH 107), or it fulfills an English/Communications or Mathematics/Quantitative requirement as verified in the student's post-secondary degree plan.

Note: Students may be required to achieve a certain letter grade or GPA to earn, or have the option to earn, college credit, as determined by the regionally accredited institution of higher education.

### Locally Administered Assessments (LAA) and Locally Determined Course (LDC)

For school year 2018-19, students can either complete a COE Local assessment administered as part of a locally-determined course, or may use the passing of the Bridge to College course with embedded assessments.

**Note:** Beginning with the graduating class of 2021, students must also demonstrate meeting state standards in science, in addition to the English language arts and math requirements for the class of 2020 and earlier. OSPI will develop state-approved science CAA and CIA options for the class of 2021 and beyond.

## Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA) Options

Students receiving special education services may have other assessments and assessment graduation alternatives in a required content area that can be applied toward earning a CIA. Meeting the eligibility criteria for applying assessment graduation alternatives is still required. For further direction, please see IEP Team Guidance for Selecting the Appropriate Assessment to Earn a Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA).

### CIA Cut Score (formerly Basic/L2) - on Regular (On-Grade) Assessment

An IEP team may determine a student's passing score as the CIA Cut Score, established as the Level 2 score on the state assessment. The CIA Cut Score cannot be used for meeting standard in federal accountability reporting, but it can be used to fulfill state assessment graduation requirements to earn a CIA.

### Off-Grade Level Assessment on Regular (SBA) or Alternate (WA-AIM) Assessment

Students receiving special education services may take an assessment specific to a content area at a grade level different from their current enrollment grade. The student must meet the established cut score for proficiency (level 3) for the grade level accessed. Students are still expected to participate in on-grade level assessments required for federal accountability.

Note: Use of the off-grade Alternate Assessment is intended for students who have previously met the criteria for participation in the WA-AIM.

### Locally Determined Assessments (LDA)

An LDA is a series of state-prescribed assessments that can be selected and administered at the local school level. They are currently available in the content areas of mathematics and ELA (comprised of a reading LDA + writing LDA). The LDA can be administered in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade, but the applicable student must meet all other Eligibility Criteria for use of an assessment graduation alternative.

Meeting standard is scoring at or above the established minimum Grade Equivalency for the prescribed test or the established passing score. Students are still expected to participate in on-grade level exam(s) required for federal accountability.