



HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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POLICY

Introduction

It is the policy of the Seattle School Board that in addition to meeting all graduation requirements set forth by the State of Washington, all District high school students meet the following requirements in order to graduate:

1. Students must have a minimum of 20 requirements in order to graduate. While students are required to have 20 credits to graduate, students are urged to examine their post-high school plans, and to take the appropriate credits that will allow them to achieve their postgraduate goals. Additionally, students are encouraged to gain proficiency in many areas of the curriculum.

Individual schools may require additional credits for graduation; to do so, the school must receive a written waiver from the Director of High Schools and the Chief Academic Officer.
2. Students are required to participate in service learning activities, which are jointly developed by the District and school sites. Students are required to complete 60 hours of service learning before graduation.
3. In order to graduate, students will be required to have at least a 2.0 or above cumulative GPA and a 2.0 cumulative GPA or above in all required courses in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. For purposes of this board-adopted graduation requirement *only*, the GPA will be calculated in a way that treats an "E" grade the same as an "N" grade.

Graduation and Participation in Commencement

1. Students must be enrolled and attending a school for the semester immediately preceding graduation to be eligible to graduate from that school. Students who are participating in Running Start or who have properly obtained dual-enrollment in another school district or approved program may graduate from their affiliated District high school.
2. A student must have met all state graduation requirements, and have met or waived all District graduation requirements, in order to participate in commencement, unless the student has a right to participate in commencement as a matter of state or federal law.

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee(s) shall annually create, post,

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and distribute a *Graduation Requirements Bulletin* for each graduating class detailing all graduation requirements, including requirements set forth by the State of Washington, a breakdown of the areas in which students must earn credit, and a process by which district requirements may be waived. The *Graduation Requirements Bulletin* and the *K-12 Counseling Manual* serve as the administrative procedures to further implement this Policy.

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