

**Seattle School District #1
Board Resolution**

Resolution No. 2019/20-33



A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1, King County, Seattle, Washington to waive necessary graduation requirements for students of the graduating Class of 2020 who were on track to graduate prior to the response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, Chapter 28A.320 RCW authorizes local school boards to govern their respective districts, including adopting, revising, and suspending local board policies;

WHEREAS, Chapter 28A.230.090 authorizes the State Board of Education to set graduation requirements and authorizes local districts to decide whether a student has met the graduation requirements;

WHEREAS, the Seattle School Board (“Board”) has adopted Policy No. 2415, High School Graduation Requirements, which establishes that the board established graduation requirements that at a minimum satisfy those established by the State Board of Education (“SBE”) and also exceed the requirements of the SBE by adding district requirements and permitting schools to add requirements pursuant to following a waiver approval process;

WHEREAS, sections 10 through 12, chapter 7, Laws of 2020 (EHB 2965) authorized the State Board of Education to administer an emergency waiver program expiring on July 31, 2020, which is separate from, and in addition to, the school, district, and state requirements that may be waived as detailed in the Graduation Requirements Bulletins that Policy No. 2415 requires to be to annually created, posted, and distributed. The purpose of the emergency waiver program is to grant local school districts with flexibility so that students in the graduating Class of 2020 or earlier who were on track to graduate before the gubernatorial declaration of emergency of February 29, 2020, are not negatively impacted by the response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The emergency waiver may include both core credit graduation requirements and flexible credit graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to ensure for any district students in the graduating Class of 2020 or earlier who were on track to graduate before the gubernatorial declaration of emergency and who would be negatively impacted by response to COVID-19, that the district comply with Chapter 180-111 WAC, which constitutes the State Board of Education’s emergency waiver program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Seattle School Board of Directors hereby supports the application submitted by the Superintendent to the State Board of Education to implement a district emergency waiver program consistent with WAC 180-111 as the Superintendent or their designee determines appropriate. The district will demonstrate a good faith effort, as defined in

WAC 180-111-020, to help individual students meet credit-based graduation requirements through other options. The district will consult with the individual student, and make a reasonable effort to consult with a parent/guardian of the student, and will make a reasonable effort to provide information about this waiver in the preferred languages of the student, and of the parent/guardian of the student if applicable. This information includes what is being waived for the individual student, potential benefits and limitations that could result from receiving the waiver, including impacts on high school graduation and postsecondary plans, the option for the individual student to decline the waiver and for the student to be provided with the opportunity to earn the credits needed to complete graduation requirements through continued enrollment beyond the planned graduation date. The district will maintain a record of courses and requirements waived as part of the individual student record and will report to the State Board of Education.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the district's emergency waiver program, in addition to state credit-based graduation requirements, will also provide for the waiver of any and all school and district graduation requirements the Superintendent or their designee determines to be appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein. The Board warrants that it has, and at the time of this action had, full power and lawful authority to adopt this instrument. This resolution expires in tandem with WAC 180-111, which is July 31, 2020, and the force of the resolution sunsets on that day.

Adopted and approved this 29th day of APRIL, 2020




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