

## Waiver of High School Graduation Credits

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 unusual circumstances may result in a student's inability to earn all twenty-nine credits required for high school graduation. Unusual circumstances may include, but are not limited to:

- Homelessness;
- A health condition resulting in an inability to attend class;
- Limited English proficiency;
- Disability, regardless of whether the student has an individualized education program or a plan under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- Denial of an opportunity to retake classes or enroll in remedial classes free of charge during the first four years of high school;
- Transfer during the last two years of high school from a school with different graduation requirements.
- Other circumstances (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 a maximum of two elective credits required for graduation. A Student meets all other graduation requirements as outlined in Policy 2410 and provided by WAC 180-51-050.

Cross References:                   2410 - High School Graduation Requirements

Legal References:                   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 the ninth grade on or after  
July 1, 2015.  
WAC 180-51-050 High school credit—Definition.

Management Resources:           2015 - April Policy Issue

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