

Class of 2013 Graduation Requirements Checklist

Student Name _____

This graduation checklist is for students in the class of 2013. To be eligible for a diploma, students must be able to check **one box** in each state Reading, Writing and Math section and **both boxes** in the Other State Requirements section. The High School Credits section is dependent on local requirements.

High School Credits (State and local credits; fill in blanks depending on local credit requirements)		Other State Requirements				
<input type="checkbox"/> Math Required ____ Earned ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies Required ____ Earned ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed culminating/senior project				
<input type="checkbox"/> English Required ____ Earned ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Languages Required ____ Earned ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed high school and beyond plan				
<input type="checkbox"/> Science Required ____ Earned ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Health & Fitness Required ____ Earned ____	Other Local Requirements				
<input type="checkbox"/> Electives Required ____ Earned ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Ed Required ____ Earned ____					
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts Required ____ Earned ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Required ____ Earned ____					
State Reading Requirement		State Writing Requirement		State Math Requirement		
State Reading requirement has been met by:		State Writing requirement has been met by:		State Math requirement has been met by:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Reading HSPE	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Writing HSPE	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing one Math end-of-course exam	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Math Collection of Evidence			
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Reading Collection of Evidence	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Writing Collection of Evidence	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the Grades Comparison option	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the Grades Comparison option			
<input type="checkbox"/> Using the Grades Comparison option	<input type="checkbox"/> Earning a high enough score on the Reading SAT or ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> Earning a high enough score on the Writing SAT or ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> Earning a high enough score on the Math SAT or ACT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earning a high enough score on the Reading SAT or ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams approved for Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams approved for Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams approved for Math			
<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams approved for Reading	For students receiving special education services, individual Reading requirement has been met by:		For students receiving special education services, individual Writing requirement has been met by:		For students receiving special education services, individual Math requirement has been met by:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring Level 2 (Basic) on the Reading HSPE	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring Level 2 (Basic) on the Writing HSPE	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring Level 2 (Basic) on one Math EOC	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Math WAAS-Portfolio			
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Reading WAAS-Portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Writing WAAS-Portfolio	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Developmentally Appropriate Proficiency Exam (DAPE) in Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Developmentally Appropriate Proficiency Exam (DAPE) in Math			
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Developmentally Appropriate Proficiency Exam (DAPE) in Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing a Locally Determined Assessment (LDA) in Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing a Locally Determined Assessment (LDA) in Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing a Locally Determined Assessment (LDA) in Math			
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing a Locally Determined Assessment (LDA) in Reading	The Reading requirement has been waived by:		The Writing requirement has been waived by:		The Math requirement has been waived by:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the high school reading or language arts test in another state	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the high school writing or language arts test in another state	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the high school math test in another state				
<input type="checkbox"/> Appealing my reading requirement to the state because of a special circumstance	<input type="checkbox"/> Appealing my writing requirement to the state because of a special circumstance	<input type="checkbox"/> Appealing my math requirement to the state because of a special circumstance				

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Class of 2013: Meeting Graduation Requirements

Students in the class of 2013 must meet several state and local graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma. Below are answers to some frequently asked questions about state testing, graduation and credits.

The back of this document includes a checklist of all the options students must fulfill to meet their graduation requirements. For more information, please contact your school counselor.

What is the state testing graduation requirement?

- **READING AND WRITING:** Pass the reading and writing High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE), assessments for students receiving special education services or state-approved alternatives.
- **MATH:** Pass one math end-of-course exam, assessments for students in special education or state-approved alternatives.
- **SCIENCE:** Students in the classes of 2013 and 2014 **do not** have to pass a science exam to be eligible for a diploma. Beginning in spring 2012, students in biology, or those in 10th grade who have yet to take a state science test, will take an end-of-course biology exam.

Note: Visit www.WAtesting.com for more information.

When will spring testing results be returned?

Paper score reports with reading and writing results are delivered to districts by June 10 each year. Math and science results for end-of-course exams will be delivered to districts by late August (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 can take the reading and writing HSPE. They can register at www.k12.wa.us/testregistration in June. The retakes for math will be in January/February of each year beginning in 2012. The first retake for the biology end-of-course exam will be in January/February 2013.

What happens if I haven't passed all the state exams, but have passed all of my other requirements?

You will not earn a diploma. This is the same as if you haven't passed a required science class by graduation time.

How many credits do I need to graduate?

The state requires a minimum of 20 credits, but all school districts require more. 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 only issue diplomas. There is no state diploma.

If I don't pass a math end-of-course exam, can I earn two math credits after 10th grade?

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. Local school districts only issue one diploma. To earn that diploma, students need to pass all state and local graduation requirements.

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 decide who participates in graduation ceremonies.

Can I take one of alternatives, such as the collection of evidence or SAT, instead of taking the state exams?

No. Students must take each state exam at least once before accessing most state-approved alternatives (there are more specific rules for the collection of evidence). Visit OSPI's Website at www.k12.wa.us and type in graduation requirements in the search box for more specifics on how to access the alternatives.

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. It's becoming more common for students to take five years to earn a diploma.
- Enroll in a high school completion program at a community college 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 GED. A GED is earned after passing a series of tests. The GED, however, is often seen as inferior to a high school diploma by employers.