

Graduation Requirements & Competency/Performance- Based Credits

Board Policies 2410, 2413 & 2415

Board Policy 2410-Graduation Requirements and Pathways

- **Earn 24 credits**
- **Complete a High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP)**
- **Satisfy a Personal Pathway Option**
 - *State test* or pathway alternative
- ***Community Service**

Credit Requirements

- **English:** 4 credits
- **Math** (Algebra I, Geometry, & *Algebra II or Financial Algebra*) 3 credits
- **Social Studies:** 3 credits
 - ***WA State History** Non credit (*7th or 8th grade*)
 - World History 1 credit (10th Grade)
 - ***US History & Government** 1 credit (11th Grade)
 - ***Contemporary World Problems (i.e., CWP)** .5 credit (12th Grade)
 - ***Civics** .5 credit (12th Grade)
- **Science:** 3 credits (*2 lab classes*)

Credit Requirements

- **Career and Technical** Education 1 credit (***Career Choices**)
- Fine, Visual or Performing **Arts**: *2 credits (*1 can be a PPR*)
- **Health and Fitness**: *2 credits
 - **Health** .5 credits
 - Fitness (i.e., PE) 1.5 credits
 - **Athletic waiver* 3 seasons = 1 credit
- **World Language**: *2 credits (*both can be PPRs*)
- **Electives**: 4 credits
- **Total** **24 credits**

Pathway Options...

- **State Tests**—i.e., Smarter Balanced ELA & math
- **Dual credit or college courses**—*Running Start*
- **AP, IB, SAT, ACT, or ASVAB scores** (*depending upon pathway*)
- **CTE Sequence**
 - **Career Choices** + Shop, Visual Communications, or other CTE...
- **Special Education** options

High School and Beyond Planning...

- ***Information** to parents in 6th grade
- **Career interest inventory** in 7th grade
- **HS and Beyond Plan** *begins* in 8th grade
 - **Updated** each year
 - Early **academic intervention and support**
- Graduation and pathway information shared at **registration**
- Reinforced during **student led conferences**
- Available in **print and digital form** in various places...

High School & Beyond Plan Components

- **Career interests and goals**
- **Post HS education and training plans**
- **Academic course plan**
 - **Personal pathway** options and requirements
 - **WBL/CTE/RS** options
- **Financial literacy and financial aid**
- **Activities and achievements resume** (12th grade)
- ****Senior Presentation***

Personal Pathways

	Career	College & Career	College
Math	3 credits (likely Financial Algebra)	3 (likely Algebra II)	*3/4 (at least Algebra II)
Science	3 credits (likely Marine Science or Natural Resources)	3 (should include Chemistry, Anatomy, or other lab science)	*3/4 (must include Chemistry, Anatomy, or other lab science)
Career & Technical Education	2 or more credits (Career Choices +1)	1-2 (can be satisfied with Career Choices)	1 (likely satisfied with Career Choices)
World Language	NOT required	2 strongly RECOMMENDED	2 REQUIRED

Other Policy 2410 Components...

- Criteria for earning **HS credit**...
 - Meets **HS learning standards**
 - Earn **satisfactory grade** or...
 - ***Mastery-based** demonstration or...
 - Complete required **hours or work**
- **Middle school students** can earn HS credit if...
 - Course is of **HS rigor and expectations** and/or taken with HS students
 - Can request course, credit, & grade **NOT be posted on transcript**

Other Policy 2410 Components...

- **Running Start** available in 11th and 12th grade
- **Work Based Learning** also available in 11th and 12th grade and must be...
 - Connected to a **class OR employment**
 - Aligned with **personal pathway and HSBP**
 - **180 hours** = ½ credit
- **College in the HS**—available through Running Start or AP
- **Homeschool Review**—record, objectives, curriculum, measures, grades...
 - *Not eligible for valedictorian/salutatorian unless on campus for 1 year*

New Requirement for Pathway Options

- Review and **analyze local pathway and graduation data...**
 - **Gender**
 - **Dependents** of the state
 - **Homeless and unaccompanied**—**possibly income/FRL status*
 - **English-language learners** (*Seal of Biliteracy?*)
- Check for **disproportionality or inequalities**
- **Unique challenges** in small, rural school district...
 - Limited courses, pathways, and options
 - Homogeneous population
 - Small sample sizes

Policy 2413–Equivalency Courses and Credits

PROPOSAL must be submitted to and approved by school counselor and principal...

- **Name of program** or **learning experience**
- Amount of **time, hours, and/or work**
- **Learning objectives** and **outline** of program, activities, content, materials, etc.
- How they align with and meet **state learning goals and standards**
- Description of how **credits** will be earned and quantified and...
- How learning and proficiency will be **measured and graded**
- **Qualifications** of instructional staff and who will supervise
- How the program will be **evaluated**

Policy 2413–Equivalency Learning Examples

- **Study abroad**
- **Work study**
- **Private lessons**
- **Paid or volunteer work**
- **Education programs** sponsored by community, county, or government agencies
- **CTE course equivalences**
 - **Financial Algebra** for Algebra II, **Natural Resources** for Science, **Visual Communications** for Art
 - *Hatchery, Forestry, Wildlife Refuge, Oyster Farm for **Science credit**
 - Other community entities such as Wahkiakum West...

Policy 2413–Mastery/Competency Based Credits

- **State test**–English, math, or science
 - .5 credits for meeting graduation cutoff OR 1 full credit for reaching a level 3
- **Locally developed written or oral test**
- **Written report** or **portfolio** of work
- **Presentation or oral defense** of learning
- **Hands on demonstration** of knowledge and skills
- **Combination** of assessments or other locally developed options
- Passing the **next higher level course** with a C or above...

Policy 2413–Mastery/Competency Based Credits

- **Paid work experience and/or work based learning...**
 - Must be aligned with HSBP
 - .5 credits for every 180 hours
 - Student narrative about learning experience
 - Explanation of how proficiencies will be measured, evaluated, and graded
- **Credit for courses taken before high school**
 - Taken with HS students
 - HS rigor, standards, and grading
- **AP Computer Science:** can be used for 3rd year math or science
 - Can also award credit for a mastery/competency based **CS test** approved by OSPI

Policy 2415: Performance-Based Pathway Option

- Student **proposal or learning contract** with the school
 - List of learning standards and performance criteria
- Description of **student learning experience** that includes...
 - WBL rules, industry safety standards, youth employment regulations, and risk management
- **Product** that demonstrates ELA or math proficiency
 - Brief description of how learning experience aligns with HSBP and state standards
- **Evaluation** of performance-based pathway product...
 - An **advisor** who will guide and monitor progress
 - **Evaluators**—including at least one **teacher** that is endorsed in subject area(s)
 - **Criteria and/or rubric** for proficiency

Performance Based Pathway Process and Approval

- Student **proposals** must be approved by an educator or panel of educators
- Learning **contracts** must be approved by school board or designee
- **Learning experience** and resulting **product** must...
 - Meet state **learning standards**
 - Comply with **local policies** and procedures
 - Meet **safety** and risk management standards
 - Include at least one **parent or guardian**
- Evaluation can be done by local **evaluators** or in partnership with other districts

Current Examples of Performance/Competency Based Credit

- Credit for reaching graduation cutoff (.5) or level 3 (1.0) on **state tests**
- Credit for passing **AP tests** (1.0 HS or 5 college credits) and other tests
- **Work based learning** (180 hours = .5 credits)
- **Athletic waivers**—.34 credits for each successfully completed season
- **Naselle Hatchery**—*possibly Wildlife Refuge, Foresters, Oyster Farms?*
- Contract based **credit retrieval**
- **Publications/Newspaper** for English credit
- **Financial Algebra** = Algebra II and **Visual Communications** = Art
- **Other possibilities**—Archive Center, Library, Wahkiakum West, etc.