

WAC 180-51-201 Overview of the requirements for a high school diploma beginning in 2020. For students who enter the ninth grade or begin the equivalent of a four-year high school program as of July 1, 2016, (the class of 2020) or later, the graduation requirements shall consist of:

(1) State credit and subject area requirements as established in WAC 180-51-067, 180-51-068, or 180-51-210 in this chapter, depending on the credit graduation requirements aligned with the year the student entered ninth grade; and, credit and subject area requirements established by local school boards. Students in the class of 2019 and the class of 2020 in districts with a waiver to delay implementation of WAC 180-51-068 shall graduate with the credit and subject area requirements of WAC 180-51-067 until the expiration of the waiver.

(2) A high school and beyond plan that must include the minimum requirements established in RCW 28A.230.090 and WAC 180-51-220 in this chapter. Local school boards may establish additional requirements for a high school and beyond plan to serve the needs and interests of its students. Any decision on whether a student has met the requirement of a high school and beyond plan shall be made by the district.

(3) A graduation pathway option. Students must meet the requirements of at least one of eight graduation pathway options in chapter 28A.655 RCW and WAC 180-51-230.

(4) By December 2022 the state board of education will make recommendations to the legislature for policy changes that would require new legislation to address including: Barriers school districts have to offering all of the graduation pathways, equitable student access to all of the graduation pathways, modifications or additions to the pathways, or other challenges to implementing graduation pathways. Based on the analysis of the pathways and/or other feedback received during implementation of graduation pathways the state board of education may initiate rule making to address changes allowed within current statute.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.230.090. WSR 20-01-101, § 180-51-201, filed 12/13/19, effective 1/13/20.]