

**Chapter 180-105 WAC**  
**PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT GOALS**

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**WAC 180-105-020 Performance improvement goals.** (1) As part of the district and school improvement plan required in WAC 180-16-220 each school district board of directors shall by September 1, 2019, and annually thereafter:

(a) Adopt district-wide performance improvement goals for the measures included in the Washington school improvement framework.

(b) Direct each school in the district that enrolls students in grades three through eight and/or high school to establish goals to increase the measures included in the Washington school improvement framework consistent with state and district goals.

(2) School districts and schools shall establish separate district-wide and school English language arts and mathematics improvement goals using the federal requirements to determine the increase in requirements under subsection (1) of this section for the all students group and each of the groups of students required under the federal requirements.

(3) School districts and schools are not required to publish numerical improvement goals in a grade level or student group referenced in subsection (2) of this section for any year in which there were fewer than the minimum number of reportable students identified in the Washington accountability plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education. However, this subsection shall not be construed to affect WAC 180-16-220 (2)(b) or any other requirements for school and school district improvement plans.

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**WAC 180-105-040 Definitions.** (1) "High school" means a public school in the state enrolling students in any of grades nine through twelve.

(2) "Graduation rate" means the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate expressed as the percentage of students who receive a regular high school diploma within four academic years of having enrolled for the first time as ninth grade students. Students who transfer to another school less than four academic years after initial enrollment in the ninth grade shall not be included in the calculation of the graduation rate for the school from which the student transfers. Students who become deceased shall not be included in the calculation of the graduation rate for the school last attended. Students who earn a regular high school diploma after their four academic years will be included in additional calculations and reports for the year a regular high school diploma is completed.

(3) "Performance improvement goals" means the long-term goals described in the Washington accountability plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education for the academic achievement indicator, high school graduation indicator, and English learner progress indicator.

(4) "School and school district improvement plans" means the data-driven plan for the district and each school described and required under WAC 180-16-220 that promotes a positive impact on student learning and includes a continuous improvement process.

(5) "Federal requirements" means the accountability and other requirements specified by the U.S. Department of Education in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended.

(6) "Washington school improvement framework" or "WSIF" means the system of school differentiation described in the Washington accountability plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education as meeting federal requirements. The framework methodology establishes a summative score for the all students group and the reportable student groups specified in WAC 180-105-020(2) from up to five indicators broadly categorized as academic achievement, student academic growth, English learner progress, high school graduation, and school quality or student success.

(7) "Washington school improvement framework indicators" includes the following indicators:

(a) "Academic achievement indicator" means the measure of the percentage of students who are proficient on the required state assessments in reading/English language arts and mathematics included as part of the system of differentiation described in the Washington accountability plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

(b) "Student growth indicator" means a measure of academic growth or academic improvement derived from the required state assessments included as part of the system of differentiation described in the Washington accountability plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

(c) "High school graduation indicator" means the graduation rate and adjustments if any included as part of the system of differentiation described in the Washington accountability plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education. This indicator only applies to high schools as defined in subsection (3) of this section.

(d) "English learner progress indicator" means a measure of the progress in achieving English language proficiency for English learners included as part of the system of differentiation as described in the Washington accountability plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

(e) "School quality or student success indicator" means the measure or combination of measures of student engagement and school climate included as part of the system of differentiation described in the Washington accountability plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

(i) "Regular school attendance" is a measure of school quality or student success in the Washington school improvement framework. The measure is the percentage of students at a school who had fewer than eighteen full-day absences (ten percent) during the school year.

(ii) "9th graders on track" is a measure of school quality or student success in the Washington school improvement framework. The measure is the percentage of first-time ninth graders at a school who pass all the credits attempted. This indicator only applies to high schools as defined in subsection (3) of this section.

(iii) "Advanced course-taking" is a measure of school quality or student success in the Washington school improvement framework. The measure is the percentage of all enrolled students (grades nine through twelve) who complete a dual credit course. This indicator only applies to high schools as defined in subsection (3) of this section.

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**WAC 180-105-060 Establishing goals.** (1) Annual performance improvement goals for both school districts and schools established pursuant to WAC 180-105-020 shall be determined:

(a) Using the most recently available school improvement framework results as the starting point and annual increments to reach the goals outlined in (b) of this subsection.

(b) The performance improvement goals for assessments administered in the spring of 2027 shall be consistent with the goals outlined in the state consolidated plan. At a minimum schools and districts must include the following goals:

(i) Ninety percent of students eligible to be assessed meet standard on the required state assessments.

(ii) Graduation rate for all students, and each group of students referenced in WAC 180-105-020(2) shall be not less than ninety percent.

(iii) In the districts that administer the Washington English language proficiency assessment described in the Washington accountability plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education to adopt performance improvement goals using the federal requirements to determine the increase in the percentage of students making progress toward English language proficiency included in the Washington school improvement framework.

(c) Districts and schools shall establish goals for each of the Washington school improvement framework indicators as defined in WAC 180-105-040(7) for all students and each group of students referenced in WAC 180-105-020(2).

(2) School district boards of directors are authorized to adopt district-wide and school goals that exceed the minimum level required under this section. However, district-wide and school goals that exceed the minimum level required under this section shall not be used for federal or state accountability purposes.

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