Chapter 392-210 WAC

STUDENT TESTING AND EVALUATION—WASHINGTON STATE HONORS AWARD PROGRAM

WAC 392-210-005 Authority. The authority for this chapter is RCW 28A.600.070 which authorizes the superintendent of public instruction to develop rules and regulations for the establishment and administration of the Washington state honors award program.

WAC 392-210-010 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the policies and procedures for the administration of the Washington state honors award program.

WAC 392-210-015 Criteria for the selection of Washington state honors award students. The Washington state honors award program shall recognize the top ten percent of the students in the state in each year's public and private high school graduating class who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. Outstanding academic achievement shall be determined by the following criteria:

(1) An academic achievement index based upon a combination of the combined high school grade point average (calculated as provided in WAC 180-57-055) in the academic core subjects of English, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, and languages other than English which may include American Indian languages and the combined verbal and quantitative composite scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT); (2) Credits (as defined in WAC 180-51-050) earned in grades nine through twelve in the academic core subjects of English, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, and foreign language;

(3) Completion of at least seventy-five percent of the graduation requirements for the high school in which the candidate is enrolled; and

(4) Enrollment in at least three academic core subjects in grade twelve.

In order to be considered for a Washington honors award, students must have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) prior to January 31 of the year of graduation and be enrolled in a participating high school as indicated by the principal on forms provided by the superintendent of public instruction.

WAC 392-210-020 Determination of the Washington state honors award academic achievement index. The superintendent of public instruction shall calculate the academic achievement index based upon an equivalent numeric weighting of the combined high school grade point average in academic core subjects and the combined verbal and quantitative composite scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT). The superintendent of public instruction shall determine the top ten percent of each year's graduating class based upon a ranking of all participating students on the academic achievement index.

WAC 392-210-025 Credits earned in academic core subjects. To be considered for a Washington state honors award, a student must have earned, during grades nine through twelve, at least seventy-five percent of the credits required for graduation from his or her high school including a minimum of ten credits in the academic core subjects of English, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, and foreign language.

Each participating high school principal shall verify, on forms provided by the superintendent of public instruction, that each candidate has completed at least seventy-five percent of the school's total graduation credit requirements. The superintendent of public instruction shall require each student's high school transcript to be verified to assure that each student has earned the minimum credits in each of the academic core subjects. All participating high schools shall...
make available the grades nine through twelve transcripts for all participating students on or before the date provided annually by the superintendent of public instruction.

WAC 392-210-030 Enrollment in academic core subjects during grade twelve required. To be considered for a Washington state honors award, a student must be enrolled in at least three of the academic core subjects of English, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, and languages other than English during the senior year. The minimum enrollment requirement shall be verified in writing by the participating high school principal on forms provided annually by the superintendent of public instruction.

WAC 392-210-035 Notification of students eligible for honors award. Commencing with the ninth grade, and each year thereafter, each participating high school shall provide each enrolled student with a copy of the eligibility criteria for the Washington state honors award. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide schools with a suggested format that may be used to notify students.

WAC 392-210-040 Notification of Washington honors award recipients. The superintendent of public instruction shall annually provide to each participating school principal the names of those enrolled students who have been selected for a Washington honors award.

WAC 392-210-045 Washington honors award certificate. The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare annually for each honors award recipient a suitable printed certificate which shall describe the purposes of the award, indicate the year in which the award was given, and be signed by the superintendent of public instruction. The certificate for each honors award recipient shall be delivered to the participating high school principal on or before May 30 of each school year. Each participating principal shall provide for issuing the certificate to each recipient at the regular high school commencement or other appropriate time prior to high school commencement.

WAC 392-210-050 Notification to local business and community representatives. The principal of each participating school shall encourage local businesses and community organizations to recognize the accomplishments of the Washington honors award recipients.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.03 RCW. WSR 86-01-018 (Order 85-13), § 392-210-050, filed 12/9/85.]