

New graduation requirement pathways for class of 2021 and beyond

The Washington State Legislature recently passed a bill creating multiple pathways to graduation. School districts are required to administer the Smarter Balanced Assessment in both mathematics and English language arts (ELA) to all 10th graders. Passing each of these assessments is the first “pathway” among a set of multiple pathways to graduate. Students identify their pathway in their High School and Beyond Plan. Students in the class of 2021 and beyond must still earn 24 credits to obtain a high school diploma.

Students must satisfy at least one math **AND** one ELA pathway as listed below:

Access to Pathway	Math	English Language Arts (ELA)
Grade 10 - During school day - No cost to student	☐ Meet standard on math Smarter Balanced Assessment	☐ Meet standard on ELA Smarter Balanced Assessment
Grade 11 or 12 - Must pass yearlong course - No cost to student unless tuition for college credit is purchased	☐ Complete and qualify for college credit in a dual credit math course (example: College in the High School courses such as Precalculus or Statistics)	☐ Complete and qualify for college credit in dual credit ELA course (example: College and the High School courses such as EvCC English 4 and UW English courses)
Grade 12 - During school day - Must pass yearlong course - No cost for course	☐ Earn credit in a high school math transition course (Bridge to College Math course)	☐ Earn credit in a high school ELA transition course (not currently available)
Grade 11 or 12 - During school day - Cost to student (AP test fee)	☐ Earn a C+ or higher in a qualifying AP math course OR a 3 or higher on a qualifying AP math exam: AP Statistics, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Calculus	☐ Earn a C+ or higher in a qualifying AP ELA course OR a 3 or higher on a qualifying AP ELA exam: AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology, AP US History, AP World History, and AP US Government
Grade 11 - SAT administered during school day at no cost - ACT administered on Saturdays; cost to student	☐ Meet standard on SAT OR ACT in math	☐ Meet standard on SAT OR ACT in reading, writing or English
Grade 11 or 12 16 years of age or older - No cost; contact military recruiter	☐ Meet standard on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) <i>ASVAB pathway qualifies to meet both math and ELA requirements.</i>	
Grade 11 or 12 State has yet to define “qualifying sequence” for career and technical courses	☐ Complete a qualifying sequence of career and technical (CTE) courses <i>CTE course sequence qualifies to meet both math and ELA requirements.</i>	

Questions? Please contact your student’s counselor for more information.

