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To: Superintendent's Cabinet

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### **Policy 2230 Transition to Kindergarten**

WSSDA categorizes this model policy as essential for districts that offer transitional kindergarten programs. Transition to Kindergarten is a legislatively established and authorized program for children at least four years old by August 31 who have been identified through a screening process to need additional preparation to be successful kindergarten students the following school year. Based on [HB 1550](#) – Transition to Kindergarten Program, OSPI is currently [adopting emergency rules](#) for the 2023-24 school year and will adopt permanent rules the following year. WSSDA has developed this new model policy to reflect this year's emergency rules and will update this policy, as needed, based on the permanent rules scheduled to be in place next year.

### **Policy 2410 and Procedure 2410P High School Graduation Requirements**

Revisions to the policy update the Graduation Requirements Emergency Waiver (GREW) language and remove out of date graduation requirement language for the class of 2020. Revisions to the procedure include the addition of language to comply with [RCW 28A.230.120](#), which provides for the district to issue a posthumous high school diploma for a deceased student, and to comply with [HB 1536](#) – High School Diplomas – Withholding for Property Damage. HB 1536 limits school districts' authority to withhold a student's high school diploma because the student lost or willfully damaged district property. Specifically, the legislation limits withholding a diploma when damages exceed \$1,000 and requires school districts to release a student's withheld diploma after five years or until the amount owed is less than \$1,000, whichever is earlier.

### **Policy 3520 and Procedure 3520P Student Fees, Fines, and Charges**

Revisions are to comply with [HB 1536](#) – High School Diplomas – Withholding for Property Damage. This legislation limits school districts' authority to withhold a student's high school diploma because the student lost or willfully damaged district property. Specifically, the legislation limits withholding a diploma when damages exceed \$1,000 and requires school districts to release a student's withheld diploma after five years or until the amount owed is less than \$1,000, whichever is earlier. Additionally, the legislation provides that the district must credit the monetary value of a student's community service toward damages whatever minimum wage is greater, local or state. School districts must facilitate easy access to information about withholding diplomas and publish that information on their websites.

### **Policy 3600 Student Records**

Revisions are to comply with [HB 1536](#) – High School Diplomas – Withholding for Property Damage. This legislation limits school districts' authority to withhold a student's high school diploma because the student lost or willfully damaged district property.