

Washington State History

Graduation Requirement Information

Washington State requires that all public school students to complete a course in Washington State History. Everett Public Schools provides an opportunity for students to fulfill this graduation requirement during their 7th grade year. The graduation requirement earned with a passing grade will be reflected on the high school transcript as a “check-off” rather than high school credit. In the event that a student does not pass the 7th grade Washington State History class, that student will be required to take a more rigorous Washington State History course during high school.

How will this work for most 7th grade students?

- Washington State History is offered during the first trimester of the school year.
- A passing grade in Washington State History will earn students a “check-off” on their high school transcript stating they have fulfilled the Washington State History requirement.

Can students earn high school credit if they earn a passing grade in this class?

No, the 7th grade Washington State History is taught with curriculum and at a pace that is appropriate for 7th grade, not for high school.

- The timeline being addressed begins at Washington statehood and ends with Current Issues. This is approximately half of the content addressed at the high school level.
- The textbook reading level and activities are appropriate for 7th grade but not for high school.
- High school credit requires more class time than one middle school trimester.

What if my student misses the opportunity to take Washington State History in 7th grade or does not earn a passing grade?

Students will be able to fulfill this graduation requirement in a variety of ways at the high school level (beginning the summer after their 8th grade year).

- Washington State History is offered at the high school level during the regular school year as an elective course.
- Washington State History is offered during the Everett Public Schools Summer School session. This is a tuition program.
- Washington State History is offered through Everett’s Online High School. Students can refer to the regular high school course catalogs for online offerings.

All of these offerings are dependent upon enrollment.