

WASHINGTON STATE & ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Starting with the class of 2008, Washington State established specific requirements for graduation. Issaquah students meet those requirements by:

1. Earning a Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA) or Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA)

Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, the high school Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) was replaced by the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE). If a student has previously passed the WASL in a specific content area (e.g., reading), the student is not required to take the HSPE in that area.

Beginning with the class of 2008, passing the high school reading and writing HSPE (WASL) is required to earn a diploma. Students may still earn a CAA or CIA (an option for special education students) by passing reading, writing AND math.

By 2013, students will be expected to also meet math and science standards to receive a diploma.

Students in the class of 2011 and 2012 can still earn a diploma without one of the CAA/CIA certificates if they:

- o Meet the state's learning standards in reading and writing AND
- o Earn two (2) credits of math after 10th grade.

Beginning with the class of 2013, students will be required to earn one of the certificates (CAA/CIA) by meeting state learning standards in reading, writing, math and science. This may be subject to change based on decisions during the upcoming legislative session in Olympia or by OSPI. We will keep you posted of any changes to your student's graduation requirements.

The Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA) and Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA) tell families, schools, businesses and colleges that an individual student has mastered a minimum set of reading, writing and math skills by graduation. State law (RCW 28A.655.061) dictates the assessment graduation requirement.

2. Fulfilling class credit requirements as listed by the school and District, including:

Software Technology

Successful completion of the Software Technology class fulfills the high school technology proficiency graduation requirement and a 0.5 Career Technical Education credit. The class includes skill development in Internet, word processing, spreadsheets, database, presentations, voice recognition and web page design.

If you are already proficient in those skills, you can earn an exemption from the required Software Technology class by demonstrating 80% mastery on the Technology Proficiency Challenge test. Students may take the test once per year up through fall semester of their junior year. If they do not pass the test by fall semester of their junior year, they must register to take Software Technology 1 their senior year. For information, please go to our district website: www.issaquah.wednet.edu.

ISD requires that students have 1.0 Career Technical Education credits (2.0 for the class of 2011). If a student passes the Technology Proficiency Challenge test, they still need to earn 1.0 Career Technical Education credits.

3. Completing the culminating project requirement

This learning project helps students understand the connection between school and the real world. ISD requires all students complete career exploration and preparation curriculum for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades in order to meet the state requirement of a culminating project. The final activity is an exit interview senior year.

4. Crafting a High School and Beyond Plan

Students must detail their plans for meeting the high school graduation requirements and what they expect to do after graduation.

To participate in the graduation ceremony students must meet **all** graduation credit requirements. Minimum graduation requirements for IHS & SHS are **22** credits. Minimum graduation requirements for LHS are **28** credits. Graduation Requirements are based on the State of Washington, Issaquah School District and individual high school requirements and the completion of the culminating project. For the class of 2011, Washington Assessment for Student Learning requirements still need to be met by taking HSPE. For the classes of 2012 and beyond, HSPE will be required.

STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

All public schools in the State of Washington use the *Washington State High School Transcript*. As with previous transcripts, course codes, descriptions by way of course titles, grades earned, credits earned, credits attempted, and GPAs will all be recorded.

The State has added a category entitled *Additional State Requirements*. This will include:

- **Certificate of Academic Achievement** based upon successfully meeting WASL/HSPE standards; or the **Certificate of Individual Achievement**, based upon specific criteria as specified by the state and included within the student's IEP.
- **High School & Beyond Plan** – addressed in the ISD each year, the final plan will include the senior exit interview.
- **Culminating Project** – this is based on completion of the curriculum, including final presentation of student high school and beyond plan.

Until the results for these bulleted items have been recorded, they will appear on the transcript in the default mode, *not met*.

For more information, please go to the District website at www.issaquah.wednet.edu, and click on *Graduation Requirements*.

Issaquah & Skyline High School Graduation Requirements Class of 2011

The following are Graduation Requirements for IHS & SHS high school for the designated graduation years. Be sure to refer to the table that pertains to your graduation year. Review the text following these charts that pertain to all graduating classes. Please be aware that graduation requirements for the Class of 2014 and beyond may change depending on action by the Washington State Legislature/ OSPI during the 2010 legislative session.

Subject Area:	# Of Semesters Required to Graduate:	Credits Required to Graduate: (Semester Credit = .5)
Language Arts	8	4.0
Social Studies: Northwest Studies** World Studies (9 th grade required) 1.0 Credit European Studies (10 th grade required) 1.0 Credit U.S. History (11 th grade required)) 1.0 Credit	6	3.0
Health	1	.5
Mathematics	4	2.0
Science	4	2.0
Physical Education	3	1.5
Fine/Applied Arts	2	1.0
Technical Proficiency	1(or pass proficiency test)	(.5 of CTE or pass prof test)
Career Technical Education (CTE) - formerly Occupational Ed	4	2.0
Electives	12	6.0
Culminating Project and High School and Beyond requirement	N/A	N/A
HSPE	N/A	N/A
CLASS CREDIT REQUIREMENTS***		22 Credits

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Issaquah & Skyline High School Graduation Requirements Classes of 2012 and Beyond

Subject Area:	# Of Semesters Required to Graduate:	Credits Required to Graduate: (Semester Credit = .5)
Language Arts:	8	4.0
Social Studies: Northwest Studies** World Studies (9 th grade required) 1.0 Credit European Studies (10 th grade required) 1.0 Credit U.S. History (11 th grade required) 1.0 Credit	6	3.0
Health	1	.5
Mathematics: These three credits must be completed during a student's high school career. Courses taken during middle school will be noted on the high school transcript but will be noted as an <i>elective</i> credit.	6	3.0
Science	4	2.0
Physical Education	3	1.5
Fine/Applied Arts	2	1.0
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