

Advance Notice
May 13, 2021
Consent Agenda

LHS Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021 – Thiele/Hood

Action to be taken: I move the Board waive local graduation requirements for Liberty High School Class of 2021, as presented.

Petition for an Emergency Waiver of Local Graduation Requirements at LHS for Class of 2021

In light of the action taken by the State Board of Education (SBE) and the resulting OSPI bulletin, I, the Executive Director of High School Education, am requesting the authority to waive up to 4.0 additional **elective** credits for Liberty High School’s graduating class of 2021. The SBE and OSPI have encouraged districts to waive local graduation requirements beyond the 20 credits the state of WA requires *before* using the emergency authority granted to us by the SBE.

Should you grant this request, you will be effectively aligning the graduation requirements for LHS to those of Issaquah and Skyline. Both Issaquah and Skyline can graduate a student with 20 credits under the current waiver authority granted to us by the State Board of Education and OSPI. I make this request to waive local requirements at LHS only because of the ongoing school closure caused by COVID.

We are committed to following all of the steps outlined by the SBE as we engage in our “good faith efforts” and apply only the appropriate and necessary waivers in collaboration with students and their families. Please remember that to be eligible for a waiver a student must have been reasonably expected to graduate and have demonstrated postsecondary preparation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Donna Hood, Executive Director of High School Education
