

Graduation Waivers

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Purpose

- Review the graduation waivers available to current High School students
 - Elective waivers
 - GREW waivers
 - Other waivers

Elective Waivers

- In accordance with RCW 28A.230.09 (1.c.i) and WAC 180-51-210 (2), regulation 2418 (and form 2418F) allows students whose unique circumstances may have resulted in inability to accrue elective-only credit the opportunity to graduate without disparate impact.
 - This does not allow waiver of subject area requirements. Elective only.
 - Students must apply for this waiver and cite the specific individual circumstances that affected their ability to meet 24.0 total credits to graduate.
 - There is not specific code to track this waiver. Reports on graduated students with less than 24.0 earned credits could reflect use of reg 2418 waiver &/or GREW waiver.
 - This started with the start of CORE 24 (students entering high school on or after fall 2015)

GREW Waivers

- In accordance with WAC 180-111, Issaquah School District established GREW processes for emergency waiver due to COVID-related disruption to their education.
 - Classes 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 can waive up to 2.0 credits total but no more than 1.0 in any one subject area requirement or elective
 - Class of 2024 can waive up to 1.0 credit total in any one subject area or elective
 - Students with GREW waivers can be identified by existence of a V grade on HS transcript (S2 of 2020 through present), and/or Waiver designation on Educational Milestone Graduation Pathway.

Other Waivers

- WA State History: In accordance with conditions listed in WAC 180-51-210, a student can waive the WA State History requirement if they have either:
 - Completed a state history course in another state
 - Moved to WA State in 11th or 12th grade
- PE: In accordance with RCW 28A.230.050, a student can waive PE on account of either:
 - Disability
 - Religious belief
 - Participation in athletics or military science

Waiver data

GREW	2021	2022
Issaquah High	11/565 (1.95%)	5/584 (0.86%)
Liberty High	7/369 (1.90%)	6/346 (1.73%)
Skyline High	5/506 (0.99%)	5/530 (0.94%)

Grads Under 24 credits	2020	2021	2022
Issaquah High	19/557 (3.41%)	34/565 (6.02%)	29/584 (4.97%)
Liberty High	22/313 (7.03%)	44/369 (11.92%)	31/346 (8.96%)
Skyline High	10/519 (1.93%)	17/506 (3.36%)	6/530 (1.13%)

Reflections/Potential Impacts

- All students have the ability to decline waivers if they prefer to receive the educational services and stay in the system for a 5th year of school (or longer)
- Waivers do not impact GPA as they are not calculated into the GPA
- Students accessing GREW waivers need to have made a good faith effort to access courses and have been on track to graduate
- Potential increased graduation rate with GREW waivers – hard to measure
- Hard to measure the "end" of COVID impacts as far as academic and social/emotional impacts for students who are after class of 2024 and won't have access to GREW as of now