

WAC 180-111-050 Emergency waiver of certain graduation requirements in response to novel coronavirus. This section is for the novel coronavirus emergency, in response to the gubernatorial declaration of emergency on February 29, 2020. It applies to the classes of 2020 through 2024 beginning in the 2020-21 school year. Beginning from the date of approval of a school district's emergency waiver application, in accordance with WAC 180-111-040:

(1) Waived credit graduation requirements are limited to the student's classes impacted by the novel coronavirus disruption. The school district shall prioritize student completion of core coursework and coursework related to the student's high school and beyond plan under RCW 28A.230.090. School districts may waive credits for eligible students in the classes of 2020 to 2024. In addition to existing waiver authorities as described in WAC 180-111-040 (2)(a):

(a) For the classes of 2020 to 2023, school districts may waive up to two additional credits under this emergency waiver, provided that students graduate with no fewer than a total of 20 credits.

(b) For the class of 2024, school districts may waive up to one additional credit under this emergency waiver, provided that students graduate with no fewer than a total of 21 credits.

(2) For the class of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023: The emergency waiver may be applied to core credits or flexible credits, provided that no more than one credit in each core subject area is waived. The terms "core" and "flexible credits" used in this section are defined in WAC 180-51-210.

(3) For the class of 2024: The emergency waiver may be applied to core or flexible credits.

(4) A student's graduation pathway requirement, as outlined in WAC 180-51-230, may be waived for eligible students in the classes of 2020 to ~~((2023))~~ 2024 after a school district has made a good faith effort to help the student meet their pathway requirement, as defined in WAC 180-111-020. For students graduating in 2024, the district may waive the graduation pathway requirement with the following limitations:

(a) If a student receives an emergency waiver of up to one mathematics credit, the student must meet a mathematics pathway option; and

(b) If a student receives an emergency waiver of up to one English credit, the student must meet an English pathway option.

(5) The graduation pathway requirement may also be waived for a student so that the student may earn a diploma before their planned graduation year, provided that:

(a) The student may not be granted an emergency waiver of credit requirements; and

(b) The student must meet all other state graduation requirements including credit requirements under WAC 180-51-210.

(6) This emergency waiver may apply to individual students participating in the international baccalaureate diploma programme as defined in RCW 28A.230.122 to enable these students to earn a Washington high school diploma.

(7) Schools operating under the waiver defined in WAC 180-18-055 may waive graduation requirements in a manner consistent with this section.