



The Washington State
BOARD OF EDUCATION

2022-2023 Basic Education Compliance Matrix

What is mandatory, required, and encouraged at Washington State school districts

Mandatory	Required (Current school year factors into compliance recommendation)	Notification (In law, does NOT factor into compliance recommendation)	Encouraged (encouraged in law and does NOT factor into compliance recommendation)
Minimum 180-Day School Year	AIDS Prevention Education Program	Academic Acceleration Policy	Ethnic studies
Grades K-12 Minimum Instructional Hours	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	Comprehensive Sexual Health Education	History of civil rights
High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP)	Computer Science Learning Science and Course	Continuity of Operations Plan	Holocaust history
Credit and subject area graduation requirements	Conservation, natural resources, and environment learning standards	Electronic HSBP Platform	Seal of biliteracy
Graduation pathway option(s)	Disability history month Financial Aid Advising Day Observance of Veteran's Day Social-emotional Learning Standards Stand-Alone Civics Course (class of 2024) Temperance and Good Citizenship Day/Voter registration US and WA Constitutions	Financial Ed Curriculum Credit Policy for Students Released from Institutional Education Facilities. Since Time Immemorial Curriculum Starting grade for the HSBP	

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Mandatory					Must be addressed for a recommendation of certification
Grades K-12 Minimum Instructional Hours		✓			<p>“Each school district shall make available to students the following minimum instructional offering each school year:</p> <p>(a) For students enrolled in grades one through twelve, at least a district-wide annual average of one thousand hours, which shall be increased beginning in the 2015-16 school year to at least one thousand eighty instructional hours for students enrolled in grades nine through twelve and at least one thousand instructional hours for students in grades one through eight, all of which may be calculated by a school district using a district-wide annual average of instructional hours over grades one through twelve; and (b) For students enrolled in kindergarten, at least four hundred fifty instructional hours, which shall be increased to at least one thousand instructional hours according to the implementation schedule under RCW 28A.150.315” (RCW 28A.150.220)</p>
Minimum 180-Day School Year		✓			<p>“Each school district’s kindergarten through twelfth grade basic educational program shall be accessible to all students who are five years of age, as provided by RCW 28A.225.160, and less than twenty-one years of age and shall consist of a minimum of one hundred eighty school days per school year in such grades as are conducted by a school district, and one hundred eighty half-days of instruction, or equivalent, in kindergarten, to be increased to a minimum of one hundred eighty school days per school year according to the implementation schedule under RCW 28A.150.315.” (RCW 28A.150.220)</p>
High School and Beyond Plan	✓	✓			<p>“Each student must have a high school and beyond plan to guide the student’s high school experience and inform course taking that is aligned with the student’s goals for education or training and career after high school.” (RCW 28A.230.090)</p>
Credit and subject area graduation requirements	✓	✓			<p>“school districts must provide instruction of sufficient quantity and quality and give students the opportunity to complete graduation requirements that are intended to prepare them for postsecondary education, gainful employment, and citizenship.” (RCW 28A.150.220)</p> <p>See also: RCW 28A.150.200 Program of basic education RCW 28A.150.210 Basic education—goals of school districts</p>

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Graduation Pathway Option(s)	✓	✓			<p>“(1)(a) Beginning with the class of 2020, except as provided in RCW 28A.230.320, graduation from a public high school and the earning of a high school diploma must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Satisfying the graduation requirements established by the state board of education under RCW 28A.230.090 and any graduation requirements established by the applicable public high school or school district; (ii) Satisfying credit requirements for graduation; (iii) Demonstrating career and college readiness through completion of the high school and beyond plan as required by RCW 28A.230.090; and (iv) Meeting the requirements of at least one graduation pathway option established in this section. The pathway options established in this section are intended to provide a student with multiple pathways to graduating with a meaningful high school diploma that are tailored to the goals of the student. A student may choose to pursue one or more of the pathway options under (b) of this subsection, but any pathway option used by a student to demonstrate career and college readiness must be in alignment with the student’s high school and beyond plan.” <p>(RCW 28A.655.250)</p>
Required Offerings					Explicit basic education reference. Current school year factors into compliance recommendation.
AIDS Prevention Education Program			✓		<p>“Each district board of directors shall adopt an AIDS prevention education program which is developed in consultation with teachers, administrators, parents, and other community members including, but not limited to, persons from medical, public health, and mental health organizations and agencies so long as the curricula and materials developed for use in the AIDS education program either (a) are the model curricula and resources under subsection (3) of this section, or (b) are developed by the school district and approved for medical accuracy by the office on AIDS established in *RCW 70.24.250.” (RCW 28A.230.070)</p>
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation		✓			<p>“Each school district that operates a high school must offer instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation to students as provided in this section. Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation must be included in at least one health class necessary for graduation.” (RCW 28A.230.179)</p>

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Minimum College Entrance Requirements (CADRS)			✓		"All public high schools of the state shall provide a program, directly or in cooperation with a community college or another school district, for students whose educational plans include application for entrance to a baccalaureate-granting institution after being granted a high school diploma. The program shall help these students to meet at least the minimum entrance requirements under RCW 28B.10.050 ." (RCW 28A.230.130) – Note: not shown in the table above because the question was not asked in the 2022 reporting tool – requirement is addressed through requirement that districts offer required core and personalized pathway coursework.
Computer Science Learning Standards and Course		✓			"each school district that operates a high school must, at a minimum, provide an opportunity to access an elective computer science course that is available to all high school students" (RCW 28A.230.300)
Conservation, natural resources, and the environment Learning Standards		✓			"instruction about conservation, natural resources, and the environment shall be provided at all grade levels in an interdisciplinary manner through science, the social studies, the humanities, and other appropriate areas with an emphasis on solving the problems of human adaptation to the environment." (WAC 392-410-115)
Disability History Month			✓		"Annually, during the month of October, each public school shall conduct or promote educational activities that provide instruction, awareness, and understanding of disability history and people with disabilities." (RCW 28A.230.158)
Financial Aid Advising Day			✓		"OSPI shall coordinate a financial aid advising day with all school districts with a high school...Each school district may choose the date or series of dates" (RCW 28A.300.815) – also see RCW 28A.230.310
Observance of Veterans' Day			✓		"There shall be presented in each common school ...educational activities suitable to the observance of Veterans' Day." (RCW 28A.230.160)
Social-emotional Learning Standards		✓			"The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt social-emotional learning standards and benchmarks by January 1, 2020, and revise the social-emotional learning standards and benchmarks as appropriate." (RCW 28A.200.478) "The instructional program of basic education provided by each school district shall include: (a) Instruction in the *essential academic learning requirements under RCW 28A.655.070 " (RCW 28A.150.220)

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Stand-Alone Civics Course (class of 2024)	✓				(1)(a) Beginning with or before the 2020-21 school year, each school district that operates a high school must provide a mandatory one-half credit stand-alone course in civics for each high school student. Except as provided by (c) of this subsection, civics content and instruction embedded in other social studies courses do not satisfy the requirements of this subsection. RCW 28A.230.094 One-half credit shall be required in civics, including at a minimum the content listed in RCW 28A.230.094 . "Starting with the class of 2024, districts must offer this graduation requirement as a stand-alone course" WAC 180-51-210
Temperance and Good Citizenship Day/voter registration			✓		"On January 16th of each year or the preceding Friday when January 16th falls on a nonschool day, there shall be observed within each public school "Temperance and Good Citizenship Day...Each year on "Temperance and Good Citizenship Day," social studies teachers must, as resources allow, coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. This event is part of the future voter program. Teachers must make voter sign up and registration available to all students." (RCW 28A.230.150)
US and WA Constitutions	✓	✓			"The study of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Washington shall be a condition prerequisite to graduation from the public and private high schools of this state." (RCW 28A.230.170)
Notification					Statutory requirement but does NOT factor into compliance recommendation
Academic Acceleration Policy		✓			"By the 2021-22 school year, each school district board of directors shall adopt an academic acceleration policy for high school students as provided under this section. (2) Under an academic acceleration policy: (a) The district shall automatically enroll any student who meets or exceeds the state standard on the eighth grade or high school English language arts or mathematics statewide student assessment in the next most rigorous level of advanced courses or program offered by the high school that aligns with the student's high school and beyond plan goals." (RCW 28A.320.195)

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Comprehensive Sexual Health Education		✓			"Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, comprehensive sexual health education must be provided to all public school students in grades six through twelve. (b) Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, comprehensive sexual health education must be provided to all public school students." (RCW 28A.300.475)
Continuity of Operations					"...each school district shall develop, maintain and, if necessary, implement a continuity of operations plan that ensures delivery of basic education services during disruptions to basic education delivery resulting from an "emergency or disaster" as defined in RCW 38.52.010. "Emergency" may also include a national declaration of emergency by an authorized federal official" (WAC 180-16-212)
Electronic HSBP		✓			"Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, each school district must ensure that an electronic high school and beyond plan platform is available to all students who are required to have a high school and beyond plan..." (RCW 28A.230.215)
Financial Education Learning Standards		✓			"School districts shall provide all students in grades nine through twelve the opportunity to access the financial education standards." (RCW 28A.300.468)
Credit Policy for Students Released from Institutional Education Facilities.			✓		"For students in or released from an institutional education facility, school districts must provide students with access to world language proficiency tests, American sign language proficiency tests, and general education development tests. Access to the tests may not be conditioned or otherwise dependent upon a student's request. School districts must award at least one high school credit to students upon meeting the standard established by the state board of education..." (RCW 28A.320.192)
Since Time Immemorial Curriculum		✓			Beginning July 24, 2015, when a school district board of directors reviews or adopts its social studies curriculum, it shall incorporate curricula about the history, culture, and government of the nearest federally recognized Indian tribe or tribes, so that students learn about the unique heritage and experience of their closest neighbors. (RCW 28A.320.170)
Starting Grade for HSBP		✓			"A high school and beyond plan must be initiated for each student during the seventh or eighth grade. In preparation for initiating that plan, each student must first be administered a career interest and skills inventory..." (RCW 28A.230.090)

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Encouraged Offerings					Encouraged in statute and does NOT factor into compliance recommendation
Ethnic studies				✓	"2)(a) Public schools with students in grades seven through twelve are encouraged to offer an ethnic studies course that incorporates the materials and resources identified under subsection (1) of this section. (b) Public schools with students in grades kindergarten through six are encouraged to incorporate the materials and resources identified under subsection (1) of this section." (RCW 28A.300.112)
History of civil rights				✓	"School districts are encouraged to prepare and conduct a program at least once a year to commemorate the history of civil rights in our nation, including providing an opportunity for students to learn about the personalities and convictions of heroes of the civil rights movement and the importance of the fundamental principle and promise of equality under our nation's Constitution." (RCW 28A.230.178)
Holocaust history				✓	"Every public middle school, junior high school, and high school is strongly encouraged to include in its curriculum instruction on the events of the period in modern world history known as the Holocaust, the systemic, German state-sponsored persecution and murder of Jews and other innocent victims by the Nazi regime and its collaborators between the years 1933 and 1945." (RCW 28A.300.115)
Seal of biliteracy				✓	"School districts are encouraged to award the seal of biliteracy to graduating high school students who meet the criteria established by the office of the superintendent of public instruction under this section. Participating school districts shall place a notation on a student's high school diploma and high school transcript indicating that the student has earned the seal." (RCW 28A.300.575)