



Meeting the Math Graduation Requirement

Although students in the classes of 2010-2012 in Washington don't need to pass a state math assessment to be eligible for a diploma, they must fulfill the state math graduation requirement in order to graduate. There are several ways to meet this requirement as you'll read below.

Note: Beginning in the 2009-10 school year, the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) replaces the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL).

How do students meet the math graduation requirement?

Students must either pass the high school math WASL/HSPE (or a legislatively approved alternative) OR earn two math credits after 10th grade. Students who earn two math credits after 10th grade are no longer required to take an annual math assessment in 11th or 12th grade. They must still have taken the math WASL/HSPE once before using any of the legislatively approved alternatives (see below).

Let's start with the basics for how students in the classes of 2010-2012 can meet the state math graduation requirement. Below are the three options, in order, students can use to fulfill the math requirement. Students can only access options 2 and 3 after they've taken the math WASL/HSPE once.

Scores that meet the math graduation requirement standard:

Math ACT: 19
Math SAT: 470
AP exams: 3



1 Pass the high school math WASL or HSPE

OR



2 Meet standard on the math ACT, math SAT or calculus or statistics Advanced Placement course exams (**Note:** The math Collection of Evidence was eliminated by the state Legislature in May 2009. As of Sept. 1, 2009, it is no longer an option for students until math becomes a graduation requirement in 2013. Students can also meet the standard through a WASL/HSPE-grades comparison, but that is not a math assessment. Students must have a 3.2 or above GPA to qualify for the grades comparison.)



3 Earn two math credits after 10th grade

The state Legislature amended the math graduation requirement law in March 2009 to eliminate the requirement for students to take an annual math assessment who are earning two math credits after 10th grade. Students who do not pass a math assessment, however, are encouraged to try to pass a math assessment in 11th grade in order to free up their schedule during their 12th grade to take an elective.

For answers to additional questions regarding the math graduation requirement, please visit www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements and click on the math graduation frequently asked questions. For information on state testing, visit www.WAtesting.com.

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