

# Washington State Board of Education Approved Career and College Ready High School Graduation Requirements

(pending legislative authorization  
and funding)

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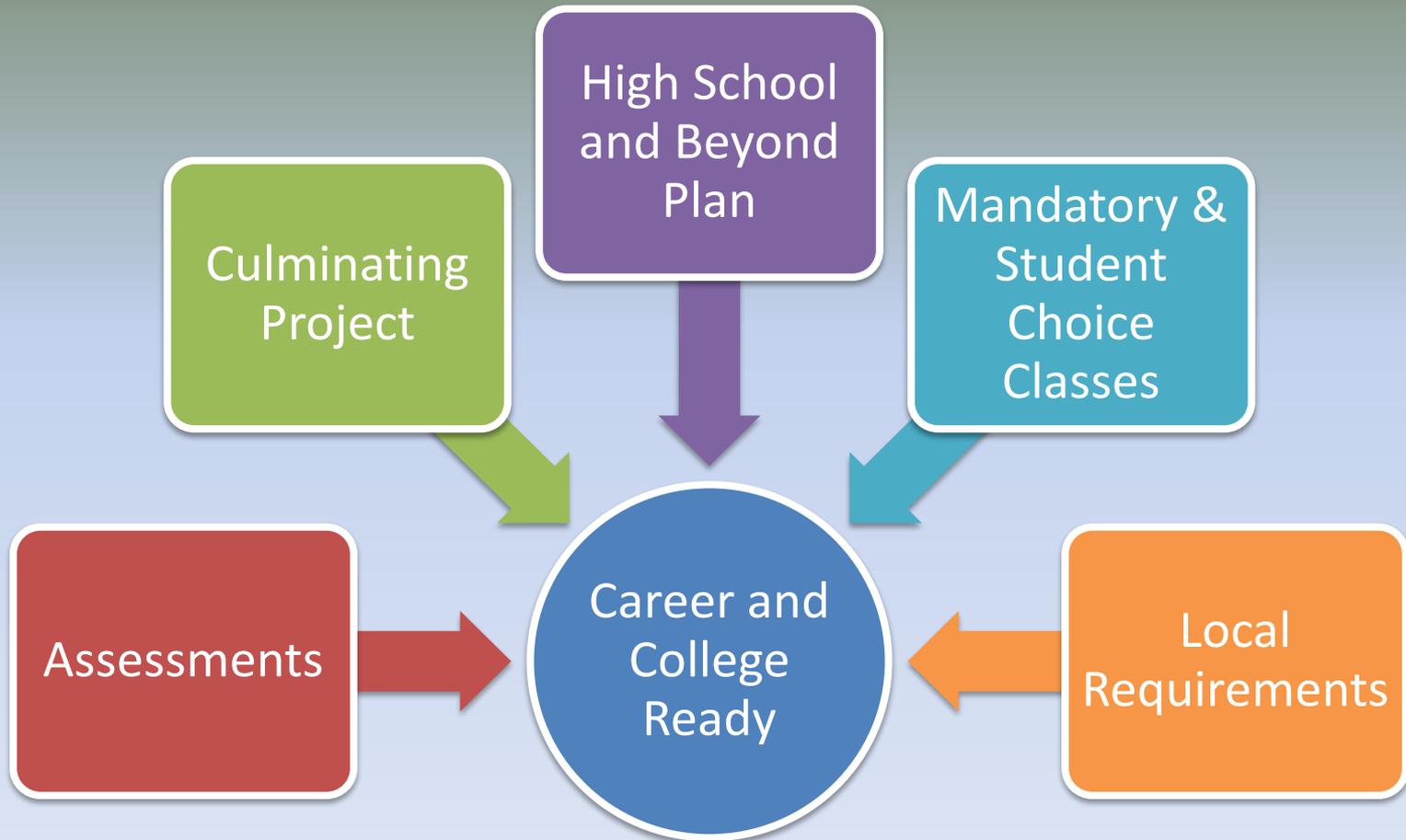


Graduating Career and  
College Ready Students

# Who's At Stake?



# Graduation Requirements: Washington Essentials



# Legislative Direction

RCW 28A.150.220 (1) - **“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.”**

3(b) **“Instruction that provides students the opportunity to complete twenty-four credits for high school graduation, subject to a phased-in implementation of the twenty-four credits as established by the legislature. Course distribution requirements may be established by the state board of education .”**

# Reframing the Vision for Career and College Readiness

## Old Framework:

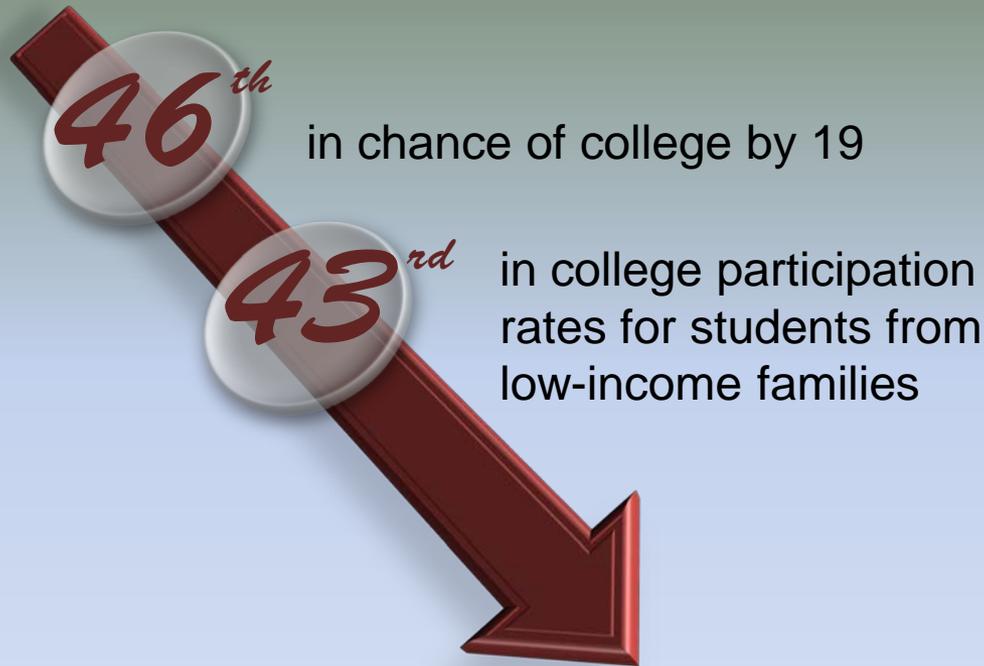
- minimum graduation requirements
- high school graduation as an ending
- a K-12 system view

## New Framework:

- essential or core graduation requirements
- high school graduation as a beginning
- a P-20 system view

# How does Washington Measure Up?

## A national comparison

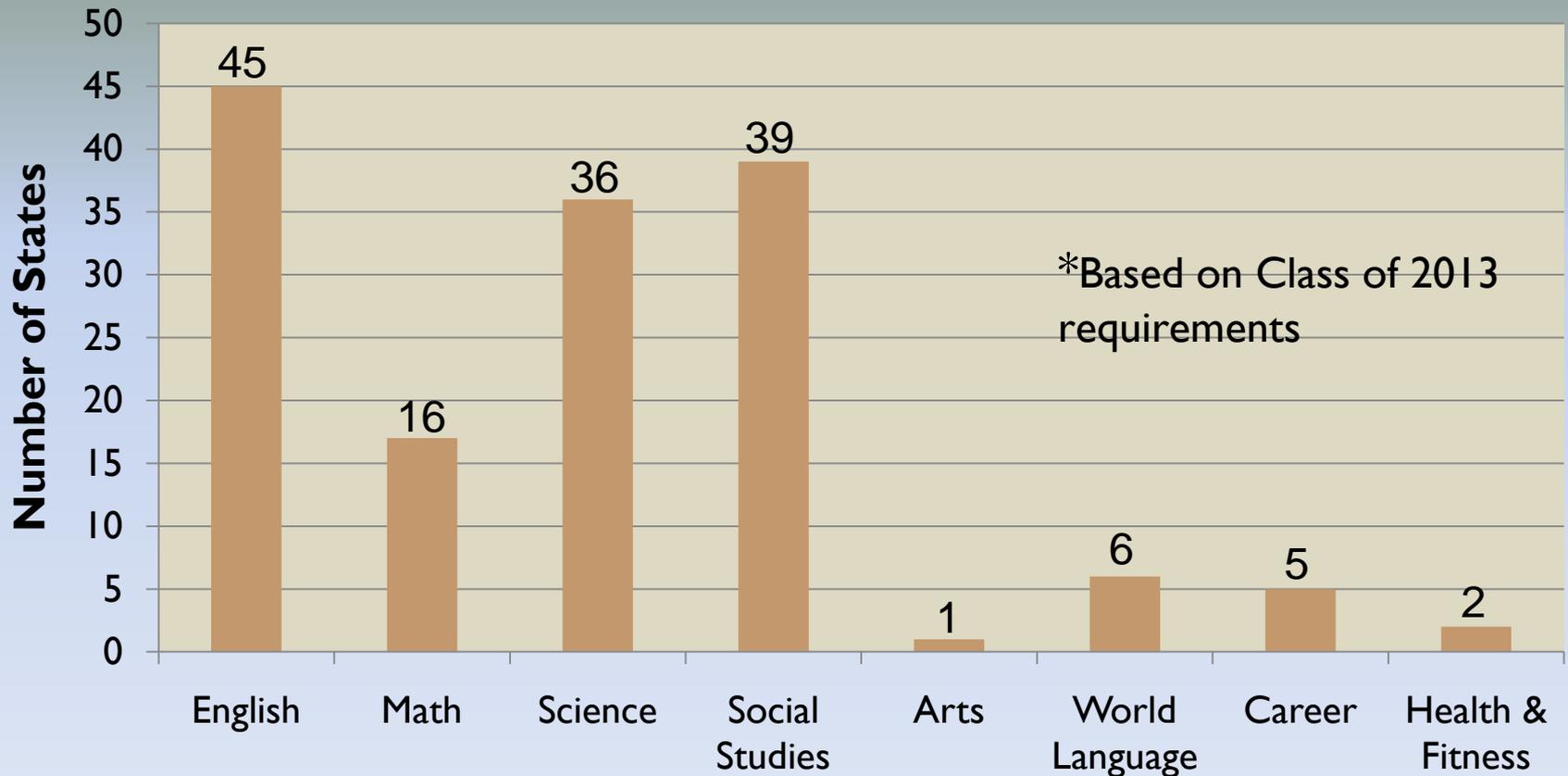


Yet. . .nearly 67 percent of the 2018 Washington job market will require some form of post secondary training and education.

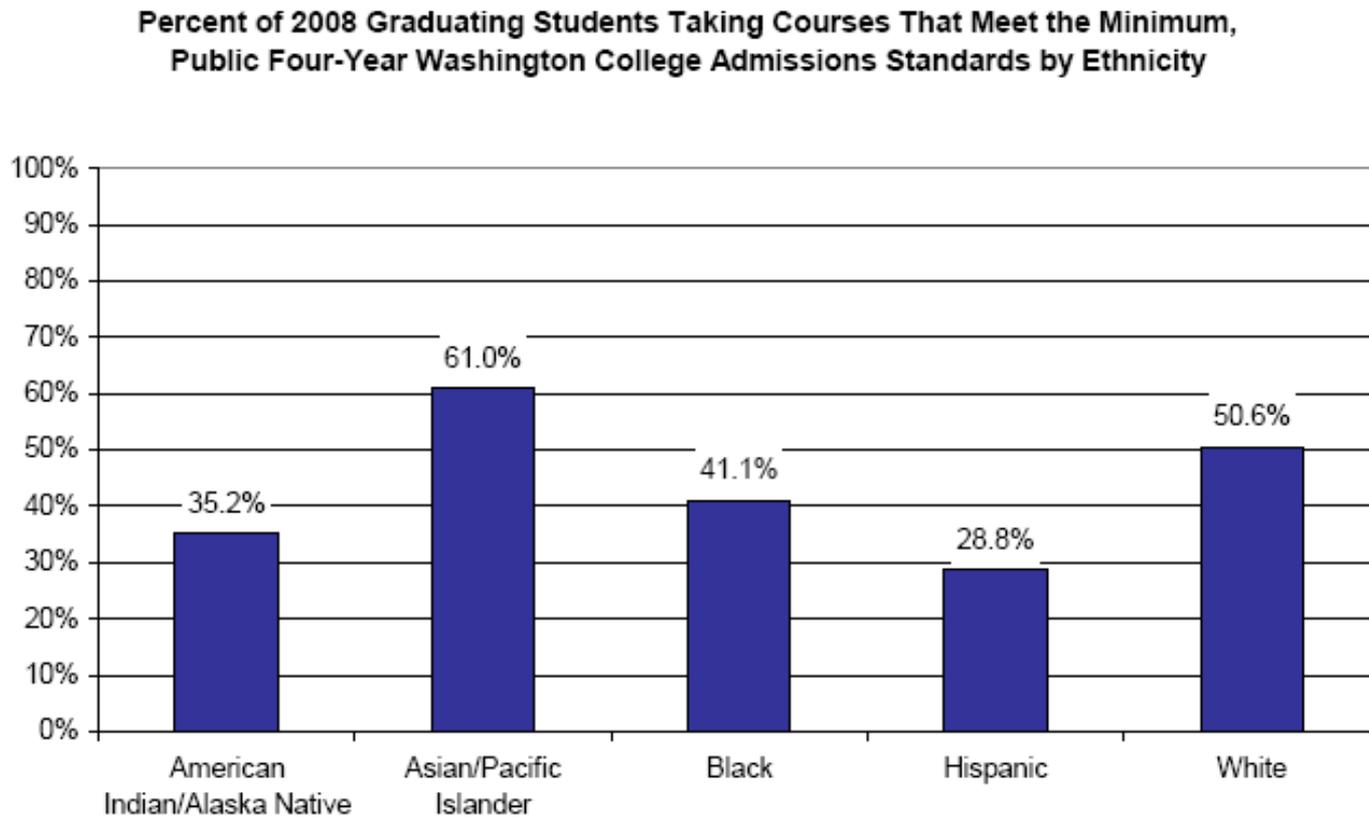
Sources: Quality Counts 2011, "Education Adjust to Uncertain Forecast," NCHEMS Information Center for Higher Education Policymaking and Analysis. Postsecondary Education Opportunity, #206, August 2009; Editorial Projects in Education Research Center Chance-for-Success Index and K-12 Achievement Index, Washington Highlights 2010. Carnevale, Anthony P., "Help Wanted: Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements Through 2018," June 2010.

# How Do We Compare to Other States?

**States That Require More Credits to Graduate than Washington\*, by Subject Area**



# Are All Students Equally Prepared?



Source: The BERC Group, December 2008. Washington State Board of Education Transcript Study. Based on a random sample of 14,875 2008 Washington public high school graduates



# Key Components: Graduation Requirements

Rigorous

Flexible

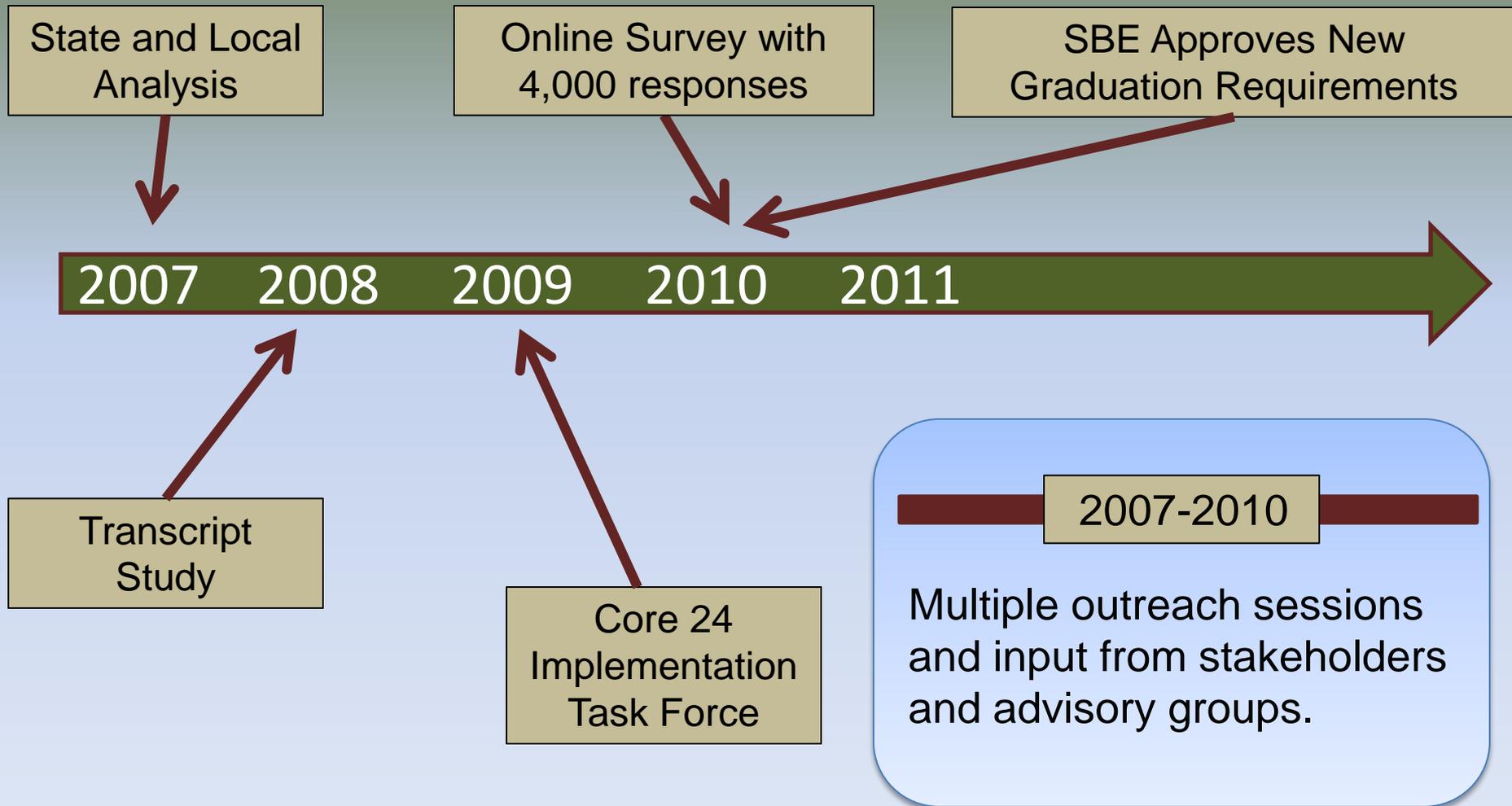
Class of 2016 changes  
with no fiscal impact

Legislative authorization  
of changes with fiscal  
impact

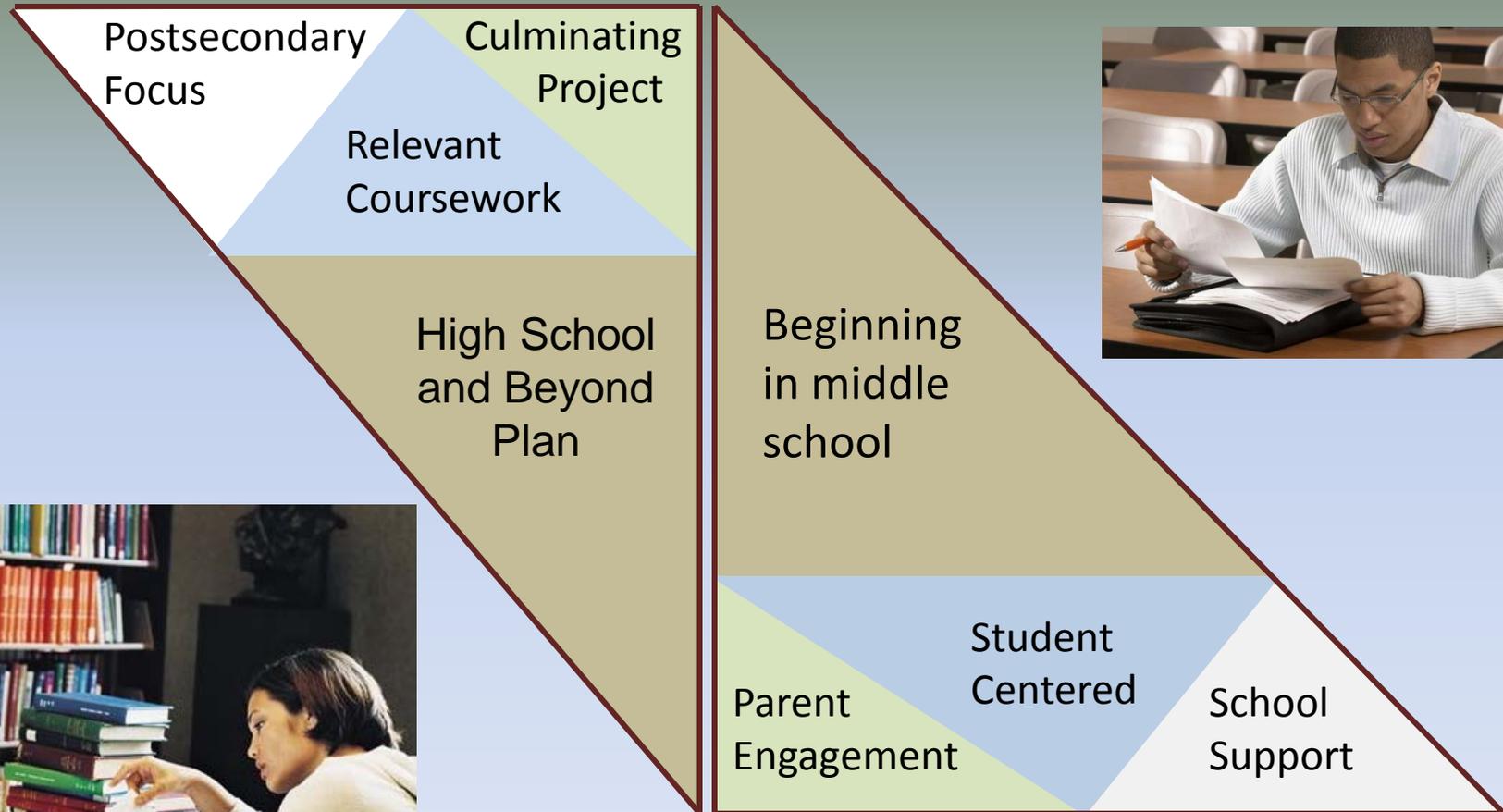
Career and College Ready  
Graduation Framework



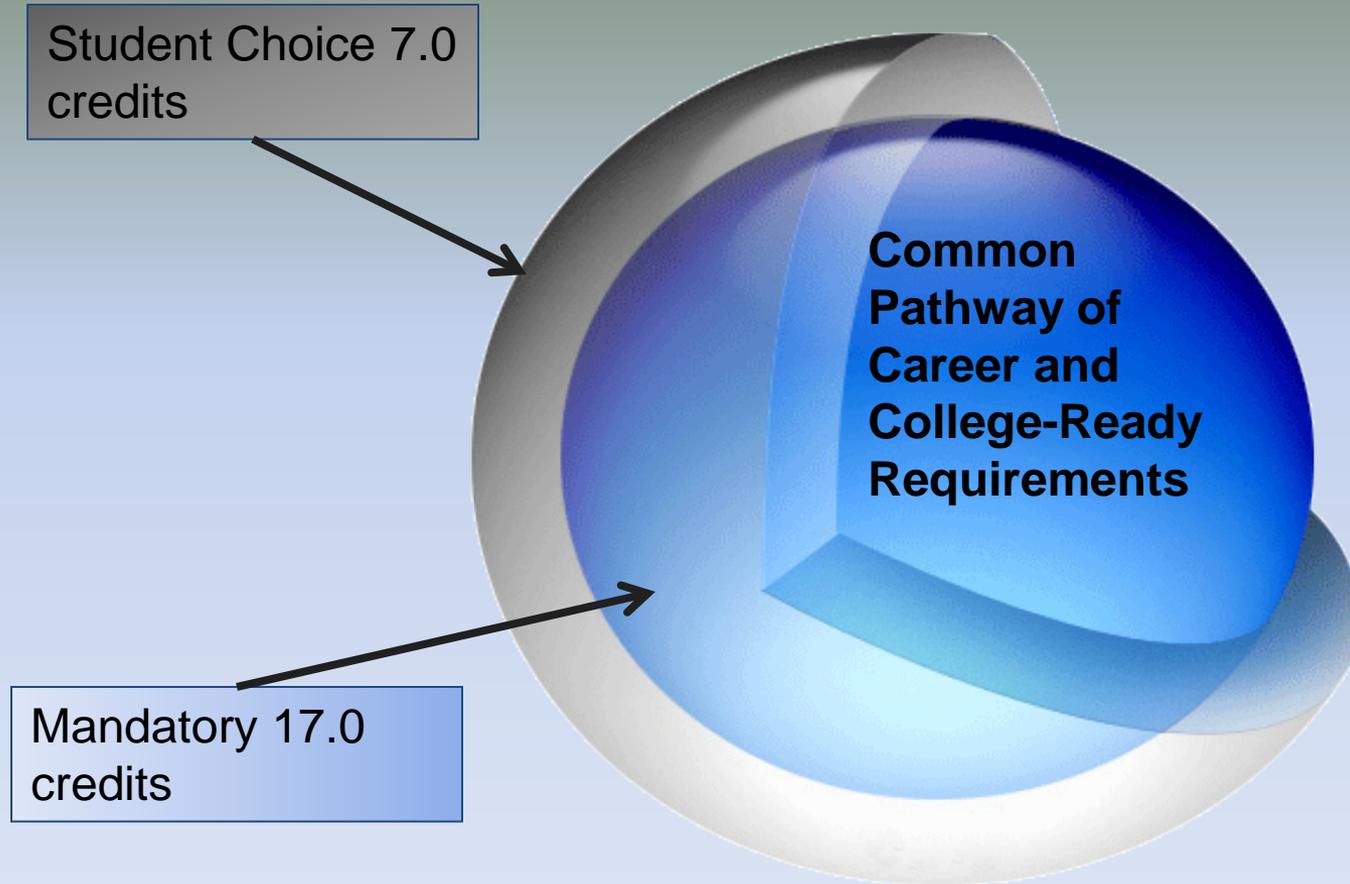
# Evolution of Career- and College-Ready Requirements



# High School and Beyond Plan – The Centerpiece of the Approved Graduation Requirements Framework



# Approved New Credit Requirements



# The Washington State Board of Education Approved College and Career Ready Graduation Requirements

**Mandatory**

■ **Meets or exceeds Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) minimum subject requirements for admission to Washington four-year public colleges.**

**Student Choice**

Core Courses	Credits
English	4
Math	3
Science (2 Labs)	3
Social Studies	3
Arts	1
Occupational Education	1
Health	.5
Fitness	1.5
High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP)	
Arts	1
World Languages	2
Career Concentration	2
Electives	2
Summary	
Total Required Credits	24

# Approved Graduation Requirements

## What Would the Changes Be, Assuming Funding and Authorization?

Subject	2013	New Requirements
English	3	4
Math	3	3
Science	2 (1 lab)	3 (2 labs)
Social Studies	2.5	3
Arts	1	2
World Language	0	2
Health & Fitness	2	Health .5, Fitness 1.5
Occupational Education	1	1
Career Concentration	0	2
Electives	5.5	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>



Flexibility will be written into rule as intended by the State Board of Education

# OSPI - Implementation Cost for the Graduation Requirements

As Presented to SBE November 9, 2010

- Implementation of High School and Beyond Plan in Eighth Grade
- High School Updates to the High School Beyond Plan
- Additional Counselors
- Additional Materials
- Additional Instructional Time
- One Time Capital Facilities Cost

## Annual Costs – in millions

2011-2012

\$3.8

2012-2013

\$38.5

2013-2014

\$17.2

2014-2015

\$61.3

2015-2016

\$67.2

# OSPI - No State Cost Recommendations

## Policy Changes

150 – Hour  
Credit

WA State  
History

2 for 1 CTE  
Equivalency  
Credits

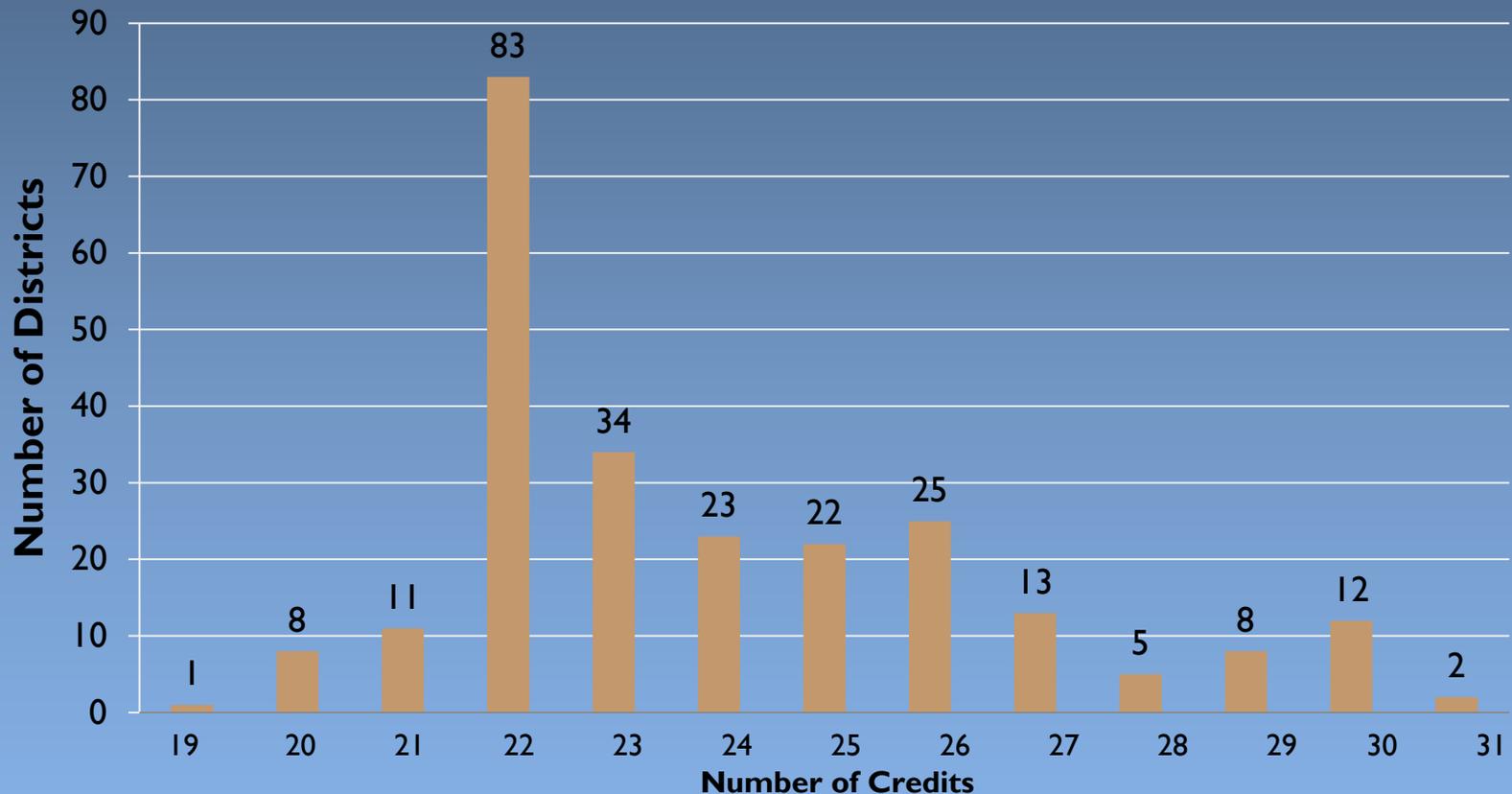
## Credit Changes

**Staying within the 20 required credits for the class of 2013:**

- Increase English from 3 to 4 credits
- Increase social studies from 2.5 to 3 credits
- Add .5 credit of civics (within the 3 credits of social studies) (per RCW 28A.230.093)
- Decrease electives from 5.5 credits to 4 credits

# What are the Current District Credit Requirements?

2009-2010 Washington State District Credit Requirements



# QEC January 2011 Legislative Report

“The Legislature should support the State Board of Education (SBE) new career and college-ready graduation requirements as an important step towards meeting the Basic Education Act’s intent to prepare students for postsecondary education, employment, and citizenship.”



Source: Quality Education Council’s Report to the  
Legislature

# Support for policies aimed to prepare high school students for college and careers is broad, deep and bipartisan throughout the country

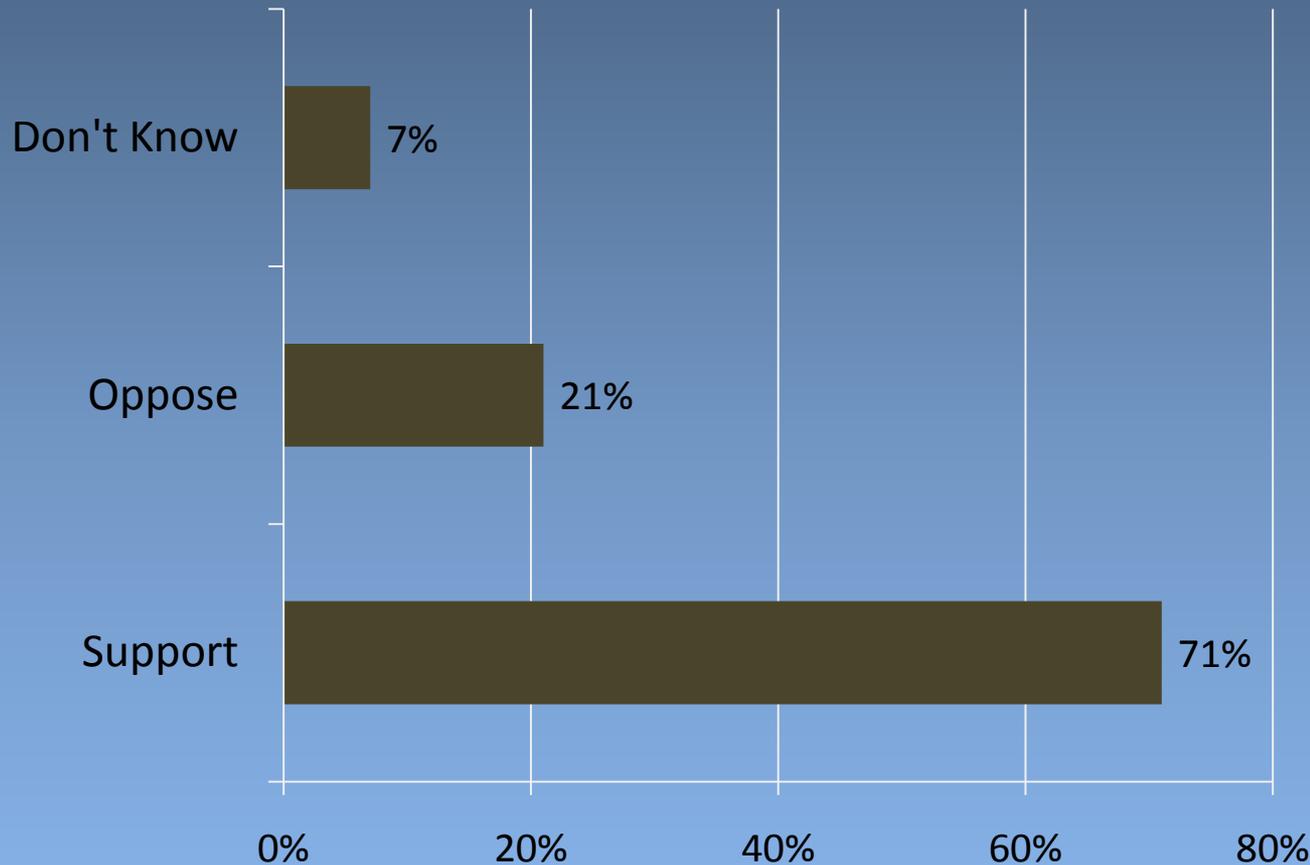
*Do you favor/oppose having college- and career-ready graduation requirements for all students?*

Sub-Group	Strongly Favor	Total Favor
Total	65%	86%
Democrats	65%	85%
Republicans	70%	85%
Independents	81%	87%
18-44	63%	88%
45+	65%	84%
White	66%	85%
Hispanic	74%	95%
African American	51%	84%

*“College- and career-ready requirements” are defined in the survey as including 4 years of English, 3-4 years of math (including Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II), 3-4 years of science (including biology and chemistry), 3-4 years of social studies (including U.S. and World History, and economics), and various electives chosen from fine arts, career technical, or foreign language subjects*

Source: Achieve (2010). Achieving the Possible: What Americans Think About the College- and Career-Ready Agenda. [www.achieve.org](http://www.achieve.org)

# Washington Voters Support SBE-Approved Graduation Requirements



Source: What Voters Think About Excellent Schools Now's Agenda for Improving Education in Washington. Partnership for Learning. January 2011 Survey.

# Thank you!

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