

Issuance of Diploma Policy

The Saddle Mountain School board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in the district who meets the requirements of graduation established by the district. Only one diploma shall be awarded with no distinctions being made between the various programs of instruction which may have been pursued.

The Saddle Mountain School board shall establish graduation requirements which, at a minimum, satisfy those established by the State Board of Education and Legislature, and include the following district requirements:

<http://www.sbe.wa.gov/documents/Sample%20Credit%20Policy.pdf>

4. What are the state-mandated graduation credit requirements for the Class of 2012 (students who entered 9th grade in 2008)?

SBE has established 19 state-mandated graduation credit requirements for students in the Class of 2012. [WAC 180-51-061](#) specifies the distribution of credits required for this class.

Subject	Credits
English	3.0
Math	2.0
Science (at least 1 lab credit)	2.0
Social Studies	2.5
Health & Fitness	2.0
Occupational Education	1.0
Arts (visual or performing)	1.0
Electives	5.5
Total	19

5. What are the state-mandated graduation credit requirements for the classes of 2013-2015 (students who entered 9th grade in 2009-2011)?

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<http://www.k12.wa.us/Equity/Districts/NondiscriminationStatement.aspx>

SBE has established 20 state-mandated credits for the classes of 2013-2015. [WAC 180-51-066](#) specifies the distribution of credits required for these classes.

Subject	Credits
English	3.0
Math	3.0
Science (at least 1 lab credit)	2.0
Social Studies	2.5
Health & Fitness	2.0
Occupational Education	1.0
Arts (visual or performing)	1.0
Electives	5.5
Total	20

6. What are the state-mandated graduation credit requirements for the classes of 2016-2018 (students who entered the 9th grade in 2012 to 2014)?

SBE has established 20 state-mandated credits for the classes of 2016-2018. [WAC 180-51-067](#) specifies the distribution of credits required for these classes. These requirements are in effect unless a district passed a local board resolution in 2012 and notified the State Board of Education that the district is delaying implementation of the new English and Social Studies requirements until the Class of 2018.

Subject	Credits
English	4.0
Math	3.0
Science (at least 1 lab credit)	2.0
Social Studies	3.0
Health & Fitness	2.0
Occupational Education	1.0
Arts (visual or performing)	1.0
Electives	4.0
Total	20

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7. What are the state-mandated graduation credit requirements for the Class of 2019 and beyond (students who entered 9th grade in 2015 and after)?

SBE has established 24 state-mandated credits for the [Class of 2019](#) and beyond, as directed by legislation enacted in the 2014 Session ([E2SSB 6552](#)). WAC 180-51-068, adopted by the SBE in July 2014, specifies the distribution of credits required for these classes. These requirements are in effect unless a district applies to the SBE for a temporary waiver of the requirements for up to two years. See the FAQ on the Waiver to Implement the 24-credit Graduation Requirements for more information.

Subject	Credits
English	4.0
Math	3.0
Science (at least 2 lab credit)	3.0
Social Studies	3.0
Health & Fitness	2.0
Career and Technical Education	1.0
Arts (visual or performing), 1 of which can be PPR*	2.0
World Language, both of which can be PPR*	2.0
Electives	4.0
Total	24**

***Personalized Pathway Requirements**—Up to 3 credits chosen by a student, that are included in a student’s High School and Beyond Plan, and that prepare the student to meet specific post-secondary career or educational goals.

****Districts may waive up to 2 credits**—Districts may develop written policies to waive up to 2 credits required for graduation for individual students for unusual circumstances, as defined by the district. Students granted a waiver must still earn the 17 required subject credits.

<http://www.sbe.wa.gov/faq/graduationrequirements.php#.V2xTPfkrKUK>

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1. What is the role of the State Board of Education SBE with high school diplomas?

SBE establishes state requirements for high school graduation. The legislature also establishes requirements, as do local districts, private schools, and tribal schools. Only after students meet all of the designated state and local requirements do they earn a diploma.

The 2006 legislature asked SBE to revise the purpose of a diploma. The new purpose was adopted by SBE in January 2008, and is reflected in basic education [RCW 28A.150.220](#).

<http://www.sbe.wa.gov/faq/diploma.php#.V2xR0PkrKUK>

5. Can school districts issue students a "state" diploma that meets only the state graduation requirements?

There is no “state” diploma. Students must meet state high school graduation requirements AND requirements added by their local district, private school, or tribal school.

Local school district, private school, or Tribal school policies should specify under which circumstances locally set graduation requirements can or cannot be waived

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Transcripts (Transcript will be issued in a timely manner)

A student shall also be advised that he/she may receive a final transcript.

However, a student's diploma or transcript may be withheld until the student pays for any school property that has been lost or willfully damaged.

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Credit Discrepancy/Mistake

Mistakes do happen! If a student or parent notices a discrepancy or clerical mistake on records or any other documentation, the student or parent needs to contact a teacher or administrator at the school to discuss the discrepancy or clerical mistake. Once a decision has been made, the record will reflect the correction of the discrepancy or clerical mistake. Students and parents can appeal the decision to the Saddle Mountain Chief Administrator.

RCW 28A.195.070

Official transcript withholding—Transmittal of information.

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If a student who previously attended an approved private school enrolls in a public school but has not paid tuition, fees, or fines at the approved private school, the approved private school may withhold the student's official transcript, but shall transmit information to the public school about the student's academic performance, special placement, immunization records, and records of disciplinary action.

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<http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=28A.195&full=true#28A.195.060>

Subsection (7):

(7) Private school curriculum shall include instruction of the basic skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of appreciation of art and music, all in sufficient units for meeting state board of education graduation requirements.

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