



APPLICATION

Temporary Waiver from High School Graduation Requirements Under Chapter 217, Laws of 2014

Instructions

RCW 28A.230.090(1)(d)(ii) authorizes school districts to apply to the State Board of Education (SBE) for a temporary waiver from the career and college ready graduation requirements directed by Chapter 217, Laws of 2104 (E2SSB 6552) beginning with the graduating class of 2020 or 2021 instead of the graduating class of 2019. This law further provides:

In the application, a school district must describe why the waiver is being requested, the specific impediments preventing timely implementation, and efforts that will be taken to achieve implementation with the graduating class proposed under the waiver. The state board of education shall grant a waiver under this subsection (1)(d) to an applying school district at the next subsequent meeting of the board after receiving an application.

The SBE has adopted rules to implement this provision as WAC 180-51-068(11). The rules provide that the SBE must post an application form on its public web site for use by school districts. The rules further provide:

- The application must be accompanied by a resolution adopted by the district's board of directors requesting the waiver. The resolution must, at a minimum:
 1. State the entering freshman class or classes for whom the waiver is requested;
 2. Be signed by the chair or president of the board of directors and the district superintendent.
- A district implementing a waiver granted by the SBE under this law will continue to be subject to the prior high school graduation requirements as specified in WAC 180-51-067 during the school year or years for which the waiver has been granted.
- A district granted a waiver under this law that elects to implement the career and college ready graduation requirements in WAC 180-51-068 during the period for which the waiver is granted shall provide notification of that decision to the SBE.

For questions or assistance with this application, please contact:

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Application

Please complete in full. Please identify any attachments provided by reference to the numbered items below.

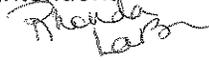
1. Name of district: Auburn School District #408

2. Contact information

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3. Date of application: 12/22/2014

4. Please explain why the district is requesting a waiver to delay implementation of career and college ready graduation requirements in WAC 180-51-068.

The Auburn School district requirements for graduation and subsequent resources are not in alignment with the requirements.

5. Please describe the specific impediments preventing implementation of the career and college ready graduation requirements beginning with the graduating class of 2019.

Auburn School District procedures, course offerings, teaching staff, and school facilities require significant review and potential modification in order to comply with the requirements.

6. Please indicate below the graduating class for which the district will first implement the career and college ready graduation requirements.

Class of 2020

Class of 2021

7. Please describe the efforts that will be undertaken to achieve implementation of the career and college ready graduation requirements for the graduating class indicated above.

The district's On Time Graduation committee meets monthly to accomplish alignment. We are working on alternatives for CTE and academic curriculum (addressing this for general education students as well as students with disabilities and those who are English language learners), increasing our understanding and options for cross-crediting and alternative as well as acceleration programming, studying other program models around the region and state, realigning resources to improve capacity through facility and boundary committees, and reviewing district procedures—all to align with the requirements.

Final step

Please attach the district resolution required by WAC 180-51-068, signed and dated by the chair or president of the board of directors and the district superintendent.

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408

RESOLUTION NO. 1201
TEMPORARY WAIVER FROM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the district's on-time graduation committee that the Board of Directors submit a resolution to the Washington State Board of Education delaying the implementation of the career and college ready graduation requirements directed by Chapter 217, Laws of 2014 (E2SSB 6552); and

WHEREAS, currently the Auburn School District's graduation requirements are aligned with WAC 180-51-067, implementation would require revisions to district procedures, staffing resources to meet highly qualified requirements, and facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Auburn School District No. 408 hereby request, based on the extension, the requirement would go into effect for the freshman class of 2017, graduating in 2021.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of December, 2014.

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408



Anne M. Baurau




Secretary, Board of Directors