# WAC180-18-055

## Alternative High School Graduation Requirements

## Application for Waiver from Requirements of Chapter 180-51 WAC

[WAC 180-18-055](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=180-18-055) states the finding of the State Board of Education that current credit-based graduation requirements may be a limitiation upon the ability of high schools and districts to make the transition from a time and credit based education system to a standards and performance based system with the least amount of difficulty. The Board stated an intent to provide districts and high schools the opportunity to create and implement alternative graduation requirements. The rule provides that a school district, or a high school with permission of the district’s board of directors, or an approved private school may apply to the State Board of Education for a waiver of one or more of the requirements of Chapter 180-51 WAC (High school graduation requirements). The Board may grant the waiver for up to four years.

The following items 1-8 in Part A are for both new and renewal applications for waiver under this WAC. Part B consists of additional items that must be completed for renewal applications. Please title all attachments and indicate to which application item the attachments apply.

**Part A**

## 1. Contact Information

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| Name | Click here to enter text. |
| Title | Click here to enter text. |
| School District | Click here to enter text. |
| Phone | Click here to enter text. |
| Email | Click here to enter text. |
| Mailing Address | Click here to enter text. |

 **Application Information**

| Type of Application (new or renewal) | Choose an item. |
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| School(s) for which the Waiver Is Requested | Click here to enter text. |
| School Years Subject to the Waiver (maximum of four years) | Choose an item. |
| Date of Application | Click here to enter a date. |

1. Please identify the requirements of chapter 180-51 that are requested to be waived.
2. Please state the specific standards for increased student learning that that the district or school expects to achieve through the waiver.
3. Please describe how the district or school plans to achieve the higher standards for student learning, including timelines for implemention.
4. Please describe how the district or school will determine whether the higher standards for student learning have been met.
5. Please submit evidence demonstrating that students, families, and citizens were involved in developing the plan.
6. Please submit evidence demonstrating that the board of directors, teachers, administrators, and classified employes are committed to working cooperatively to implement the plan.

7. Supporting documentation for new and renewal applications is attached to document the following:

[ ]  The school’s expectations for student learning.

[ ]  The graduation rate of the high school(s) for the last three school years.

[ ]  Any available follow-up employment data for the high school’s graduates for the last three years. (Combined with college data)

[ ]  The system for documenting student learning (e.g., student portfolios, etc.).

[ ]  Student scores on the required statewide high school assessments for the past three years.

[ ]  The school’s annual performance report for the last three years.

[ ]  The types of family and parent involvement at the school.

[ ]  The level of student, family, parent, and public satisfaction and confidence in the school as reflected in any survey done by the school in the last three years.

1. Please provide documentation and rationale showing that any noncredit-based graduation requirements that replace in whole or in part the applicable graduation requirements in Chapter 180-51 WAC meet the minimum College Academic Distribution Requirements established in [WAC 392-415-070](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=392-415-070) for students planning to attend a baccalaureate institution.

**Part B**

***For Renewal Applications Only:***

1. When was the public meeting held to evaluate the educational requirements that were implemented as a result of the waiver?

2. Please provide a summary of the comments received at the public meeting or meetings.

3. Please provide information regarding the programs and activities implemented as a result of the current waiver, including evidence of whether the higher standards for student learning are being achieved.

4. Please provide assurances that students in Advanced Placement or other postsecondary options programs such College in the High School, Running Start, and Dual Credit are not disadvantaged by the programs and activities implemented as a result of the waiver.