

WISHRAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 94



9/6/2018

Parker Teed

Washington State Board of Education

Resolution 02-18

To Whom it May Concern:

Pursuant to WAC 180-51-068, Wishram School District #94 is requesting a graduation requirement waiver until the graduating class of 2021. Wishram School District #94 is a very small, rural district that currently has limited ability to offer the required courses to meet the 24 credit graduation requirement. Wishram School District is dedicated to mitigating those hurdles in the coming years, and plans to meet full compliance by the 2020/2021 school year.

Sincerely,

Clyde Rosa

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Board Chair

Mike Roberts

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Superintendent

This page is a resolution that contains signatures from the school district.



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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 2014 (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 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.

Please send the application and school board resolution electronically to:

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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: Wishram School District #94

2. Contact information

Name and title: Mike Roberts, Superintendent

Telephone: 509-748-2551

E-mail address: mike.roberts@wishramschool.org

3. Date of application: 9/6/2018

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.

Given the status of our very small, rural school district, we don't currently have the certifications or courses in place to cover all 24 required credits, specifically in the areas of CTE and Art. We are working on a solution, and plan to have one for the graduating class of 2021, so that we can meet full compliance.

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

Certification of staff, and lack of flexibility in our current schedule.

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

_____ Class of 2020

___x___ 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.

Current staff members are working on additional certifications. Through expected retirements, we plan to realign our instructional programming to meet the needs of our students, and comply with the graduation requirements mandated by the state. We intend to make every effort to ensure total compliance.

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.