



COVID-19 Update April 1, 2020

Dear seniors and parents and guardians,

We know you have questions and concerns about graduation and other requirements for the class of 2020. We want to answer those questions and support each one of our seniors. We are working closely with the Office of Public Instruction (OSPI), the State Board of Education, and our local colleges and universities that provide credit-bearing classes for our students. Please be assured that students' graduation will not be negatively impacted as a result of circumstances beyond their control. That is our commitment to you.

Graduation requirements for the class of 2020 fall in three areas: 1) credits in required and elective courses 2) state assessments/graduation pathways, and 3) the high school and beyond plan. The paragraphs below will help you see the supports we provide so seniors meet the requirements.

Credits in required and elective courses

Teachers, administrators, counselors, and support staff are working hard to ensure seniors earn credits in current courses and any other courses they may need to meet graduation requirements. You can expect teachers to continue to develop learning engagement materials, update plans weekly (with the exception of Spring Break), and to provide meaningful and timely feedback to students. Counselors and success coordinators will contact seniors who have additional courses they need to complete and will provide options and support to earn those credits.

Assessment requirements for graduation/graduation pathway

Students must meet the [graduation pathway requirement](#). Seniors who have not yet met standard on the state assessment or through another pathway, or who are unsure if they have met this requirement, should contact their counselor. For the class of 2020, there are many options and this should not impede a senior's graduation.

High School and Beyond Plan

Students must also meet the high school and beyond plan requirement. Seniors will complete this plan in [Naviance](#). School staff, including counselors, career specialists, students' College and Career Readiness Seminar (or equivalency) teachers, and administrators, with support from the high school and beyond facilitator, will provide the necessary support for seniors to complete this plan.

Please reach out to your school counselor, principal, or the director of college and career readiness and on-time graduation (cwoods2@everettsd.org) if you have concerns or questions regarding how to ensure your senior meets the graduation requirements.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers (Students/Families)

Q1: I have heard the state is going to waive graduation requirements for seniors. Why do I have to worry about earning credit?

A1: The State Board of Education is still determining the rules for the waiver process. They also expect schools and students make a good faith effort to meet the requirements before requesting a waiver.

In addition, providing all the opportunities we can for you to learn supports our mission to not only see students graduate, but that each one has the skills to succeed after graduation.

Q2: Will I have to complete everything for a class to earn credit, just as if we were in school?

A2: No. Teachers will use their knowledge of you and your classmates and the skills you will need in the future to determine which are the highest priorities for seniors.

Q3: What if my family and I are struggling in other ways and I just cannot do what is asked of me academically?

A3: We know for many of our families, additional stresses may make academic engagement more difficult right now. We still want you to reach out to us and we will reach out to you. We want to make sure you are safe. If you are not engaging in the on-line learning, teachers and/or counselors will contact you to see how we can help.

Q4: I'm taking a College in the High School course. Will I still be able to earn the college credit?

A4: We are working with our local colleges to ensure students who have registered for college credits are able to earn these credits whenever possible. Please contact your teacher if you have questions or concerns.

Q5: I'm taking an AP class and am worried about what the testing will look like and if I will be prepared.

A5: [College Board](#) has already announced AP exams will be 45-minute exams that will be taken by students at home. They will be announcing more details about the AP exams by April 3, 2020. Continue to work with your teacher and check out the resources through College Board and Khan Academy. Your teacher will be in touch with you regarding the new information

Q6: Will there be a June graduation ceremony?

- A6: Currently, our graduation ceremonies are planned for June 11, for Sequoia High School, and June 13, for Everett, Cascade, and HM Jackson high schools. No decision has been made to cancel these events. We will keep you updated if this changes.
- Q7: I am having trouble with my laptop or connecting to the internet. How can I get help?
- A7: On the Everett Public Schools' website, you can find the link to a family/student technology assistance [form](#) you can submit for assistance.
- Q8: If I failed a class and need to retake it for graduation, what are my options during the school closures?
- A8: Contact your school counselor or the success coordinator at your school. We have several credit-recovery options and you can work on them while schools are closed.
- Q9: I was planning on getting a PE waiver from directed athletics for my spring sport. What happens if there are no spring sports?
- A9: You will have an opportunity to complete the waiver. Contact your school counselor for details.
- Q10: I am worried about meeting the entrance requirements to the college I've been accepted to. What should I do?
- A10: You can contact colleges and post-secondary programs for information regarding waiving some entrance requirements due to school closures. You can also connect with your school counselor or career and college specialist for support.
- Q11: I'm taking Bridge to College Math to meet the state assessment requirements. Is this still possible?
- A11: Yes. Your teacher is working with the local community college to ensure you will have access to meet that requirement.
- Q12: I was going to take the World Language Assessment this spring. Will that be rescheduled?
- A12: If not prohibited by regulations, the World Language Assessment (WLA) will be offered to seniors who need credit for graduation or would like to pursue the Seal of Biliteracy. For all other students, the WLA will be rescheduled to the fall.
- Q13: I was going to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment this spring to meet my state assessment requirement. Will that be rescheduled?

A13: If not prohibited by regulations, the Smarter Balanced Assessment will be offered to seniors only for the purposes of meeting their pathway option, provided there is not another option met, and to students seeking their Seal of Biliteracy, provided they have not proven English proficiency through a different qualifying Graduation Pathway.

Q13: What else, besides earning credits, do I need to graduate?

A13: You need to meet the graduation pathway requirement (see table below) OR qualify for a waiver for that by applying and being accepted to a college. You also need to complete your high school and beyond plan. If you have questions about these requirements, contact your counselor.

State Assessment/Graduation Pathway Requirement

Math	English Language Arts (ELA)
Meet standard on math statewide high school assessment (SBA)	Meet standard on ELA statewide high school assessment (SBA)
Complete and qualify for college credit in a dual credit math course (example: College in the High School courses such as Precalculus or Statistics)	Complete and qualify for college credit in dual credit ELA course (example: College and the High School courses such as EvCC English 4 and UW English courses)
Earn credit in a high school math transition course (Bridge to College Math course)	
Earn a C+ or higher in both terms of a qualifying AP math course OR a 3 or higher on a qualifying AP math exam: AP Statistics, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Calculus	Earn a C+ or higher in both terms of a qualifying AP ELA course OR a 3 or higher on a qualifying AP ELA exam: AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology, AP US History, AP World History, and AP US Government
Meet standard on SAT OR ACT in math	Meet standard on SAT OR ACT in reading, writing or English
Meet standard on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). ASVAB pathway qualifies to meet both math and ELA requirements.	
Complete a qualifying sequence of career and technical (CTE) courses as defined by the State Board of Education. CTE course sequence qualifies to meet both math and ELA requirements	

High School and Beyond Plan

Your High School and Beyond Plan is a requirement that has not been waived by the state. You complete this plan in Naviance. Your College and Career Readiness Seminar teacher, your counselor, and the career specialist at your school can help you. You may also contact our High School and Beyond facilitator, Mrs. Pewitt, at naviance@everettsd.org.