

Assessment Requirements for High School Diploma			
Subject	Classes of 2015 & 2016	Classes of 2017 & 2018	Class of 2019
English Language Arts	Reading and Writing HSPEs - OR - 10th grade ELA Exit Exam based on the Common Core* - OR - 11th-grade Smarter Balanced ELA Test**	10th-grade ELA Exit Exam based on the Common Core - OR - 11th-grade Smarter Balanced ELA Test	11th-grade Smarter Balanced ELA Test
Math	Algebra I/Integrated Math 1 EOC - OR - Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC - OR - Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC Exit Exam based on the Common Core* - OR - Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC Exit Exam based on the Common Core* - OR - 11th-grade Smarter Balanced Math Test*		11th-grade Smarter Balanced Math Test
Science	Biology EOC - OR - Comprehensive NGSS Test**		

* This test is not available until late spring 2015.

** Until Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are implemented and assessed, students will be required to pass the Biology EOC. After NGSS are implemented and assessed, they will be required to pass a Comprehensive NGSS Test. The timeline of implementation/assessment of NGSS is undetermined.

Legend & "Disclaimer":

High School Proficiency Exams: HSPEs are comprehensive exams that measure the basic proficiency of high school students in reading and writing, and serve as the state's exit exams in those subjects.

End-of-Course Exams: EOCs measure the knowledge of students in algebra 1/integrated math 1, geometry/integrated math 2 and biology when they complete each course. They serve as the state's exit exams for math and science.

ELA Exit Exams and Math EOC Exit Exams: Based on the Common Core State Standards, the state will administer new English language arts (ELA) exit exams and math EOC exit exams to align with the new standards beginning in the 2014-15 school year.

Most Washington state public high school students will fulfill the assessment portion of the graduation requirements by passing state exit exams. If students don't pass on their first attempt, there are retake opportunities.

Some students, however, may need to demonstrate their skills in a different way. For these students, state-approved alternatives are available, called Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA) options. Please visit www.k12.wa.us/assessment/CAAOPTIONS to find out more about the options.

For more information about the Smarter Balanced tests and to try out a practice test yourself, please visit www.k12.wa.us/smarter. More information about the Common Core may be found at www.k12.wa.us/corestandards.