

Student Name _____

This worksheet is for students in the graduating Class of 2009 who are expected to meet state learning standards in reading, writing and math. (Any student in this class who began ninth grade before fall 2004 is not required to meet state standards to graduate.) To be eligible for a high school diploma, a student must be able to check **ONE BOX** in the reading column and **ONE BOX** in the writing column and **ONE BOX** in the math column. Learn more about the options listed below by talking with a school counselor or going to www.wasinfo.com. Please note that some of the options have eligibility requirements and application deadlines.

READING Requirement	WRITING Requirement	MATH Requirement
State READING standard has been met by:	State WRITING standard has been met by:	State MATH standard has been met by:
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the High School WASL Reading test.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the High School WASL Writing test.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the High School WASL Math test.
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Collection of Evidence for Reading.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Collection of Evidence for Writing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Collection of Evidence for Math.
<input type="checkbox"/> Using the WASL/GPA Cohort option.	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the WASL/GPA Cohort option.	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the WASL/GPA Cohort option.
<input type="checkbox"/> Earning a high enough score on the SAT Reading or the ACT Reading test.	<input type="checkbox"/> Earning a high enough score on the SAT Writing or the ACT Writing test.	<input type="checkbox"/> Earning a high enough score on the SAT Math or the ACT Math test.
<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams approved for Reading.	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams approved for Writing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring 3 or higher on one of the AP exams approved for Math.
For students receiving special education services, individual READING standard has been met by:	For students receiving special education services, individual WRITING standard has been met by:	For students receiving special education services, individual MATH standard has been met by:
<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring at Level 2 (Basic) on the High School WASL Reading .	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring at Level 2 (Basic) on the High School WASL Writing .	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring at Level 2 (Basic) on the High School WASL-Math .
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the high school WAAS-Portfolio in Reading.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the high school WAAS-Portfolio in Writing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the high school WAAS-Portfolio in Math.
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Developmentally Appropriate WASL (WAAS-DAW) in Reading.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Developmentally Appropriate WASL (WAAS-DAW) in Writing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the Developmentally Appropriate WASL (WAAS-DAW) in Math.
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing a Locally Determined Assessment System in Reading.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing a Locally Determined Assessment System in Writing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing a Locally Determined Assessment System in Math.
		<input type="checkbox"/> The math requirement has been met by earning 2.0 math credits after 10 th grades <u>and</u> by taking a math assessment this year. [Students receiving special education services may fulfill the testing requirement with one of the options under the Washington Alternate Assessment System (WAAS).]
The READING requirement has been waived by:	The WRITING requirement has been waived by:	The MATH requirement has been waived by:
<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the high school reading or language arts test in another state .	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the high school writing or language arts test in another state .	<input type="checkbox"/> Passing the high school math test in another state .
<input type="checkbox"/> Appealing my reading requirement to the state because of a special circumstance .	<input type="checkbox"/> Appealing my writing requirement to the state because of a special circumstance .	<input type="checkbox"/> Appealing my math requirement to the state because of a special circumstance .



Class of 2009: Meeting State Standards by Graduation

Students in the Class of 2009 must meet several new state graduation requirements – as well as local school district requirements – to earn a high school diploma. This document answers questions for those seniors who have not yet met state learning standards in reading, writing and math. **The back of this document** includes a checklist of all the options students have to fulfill the requirement. For more information, please contact a school counselor or visit www.waslinfo.com.

What is the requirement?

- **READING AND WRITING:** Meet state learning standards by passing the high school WASL, or the assessments for students receiving special education services or the state-approved alternatives.
- **MATH:** Meet state learning standards by passing the high school WASL, or the assessments for students in special education or the state-approved alternatives **OR** earn two credits of math after 10th grade and annually take a math assessment, or one of the assessments for students in special education.

Will spring testing results be back before graduation?

Yes. School districts will be provided electronic results for 12th graders only following the Memorial Day weekend. Schools will be able to notify 12th graders of their status before graduation day. Paper score reports will come later.

What happens if I haven't passed the WASL but have passed all of my other graduation requirements?

You will not earn a diploma. This is the same as if you haven't passed a required science class by graduation time.

What happens if I passed the reading and writing WASLs but didn't earn an extra math credit?

You will not earn a diploma.

Is there a different diploma I can earn that says I passed all other requirements except the WASL?

No. Local school districts only issue one diploma. To earn that diploma, students need to pass all state and local graduation requirements.

If I haven't passed the WASL, will I still be able to walk with my class at graduation?

Local school districts decide who participates in graduation ceremonies.

What are my options if I don't graduate on time?

- Remain at your high school and work toward meeting your graduation requirements. K-12 public education is free until age 21. It's becoming more common for students to take five years to earn a high school diploma.

- Enroll in a high school completion program at a community college or technical college. These programs typically cost money if you are between the ages of 16 and 18. If you're 19 or older, the colleges have the option to waive tuition. *Check if the college you would like to attend offers a high school completion program.*
- Begin college courses at a community or technical college without a high school diploma.
- Pursue a GED. A GED is earned after passing a series of tests. The GED, however, is often seen as inferior to a high school diploma – and, in some cases, an unacceptable substitute – by employers who hire for entry-level jobs, college admissions officers and military recruiters.

Why should I keep trying?

This state graduation requirement is about more than passing a test. It's about making sure you have a foundation of reading, writing and math skills by the time you graduate. You will need these skills regardless of what you pursue after high school. It only makes sense to get these skills while you're still in high school and the help is free.

If you believe you have the skills, but you are not good at testing, talk with a counselor about the state-approved alternatives to the WASL (also known as Certificate of Academic Achievement Options). Many people want to see you be successful. Take advantage of those who are willing to help.

What does earning a Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA) or Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA) really mean?

Students earn a certificate – in addition to a diploma – if they pass the reading, writing and math High School WASL or the state-approved alternatives or the assessments for students in special education. These certificates tell businesses and colleges that you have a certain level of skills and knowledge in these subjects. All students should strive to earn a certificate, but the graduating class of 2013 will now be the first class required to earn a CAA or CIA. The CIA is only available to students eligible for special education.

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