



Meeting the Math Graduation Requirement

Although students in Washington don't need to pass the math WASL in order to graduate, they must fulfill a state math graduation requirement to be eligible for a diploma. Students must pass the reading and writing tests on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (or a legislatively approved alternative) and fulfill the math graduation requirement.

How do students meet the math graduation requirement?

Students must either pass the high school math WASL (or a legislatively approved alternative) OR earn two math credits after 10th grade and take an annual math assessment.

Let's start with the basics for how students in the classes of 2009-2012 can meet the state math graduation requirement. Below are the three options, in order, students can use to fulfill the math requirement. Students can only access options 2 and 3 after they've taken the WASL once.



Pass the high school math WASL/WAAS (Washington Alternate Assessment System)

OR



Meet standard on a math collection of evidence OR meet standard on the math ACT, math SAT or calculus or statistics Advanced Placement course exams (**Note:** Students can also meet the standard through a WASL-grades comparison, but that is not a math assessment. Students must have a 3.2 or above GPA to qualify for the grades comparison.)

OR



Earn two math credits after 10th grade and take an annual math assessment (WASL/WAAS, collection of evidence, ACT, SAT or AP exams)

Scores that meet the math graduation requirement standard:

Math ACT: 19
Math SAT: 470
AP exams: 3

Taking an annual math assessment

Under current state law, students who do not pass the math WASL or a legislatively approved alternative must take an annual math assessment. The law also states that students who miss taking an annual math assessment must either pass the math WASL/WAAS or an approved alternative (ACT, SAT, AP or collection of evidence) in order to meet the math graduation requirement.

The law also requires students in the Class of 2008 who have returned for a fifth year to take an annual math assessment, even if they've earned the required math credits.

For answers to additional questions regarding the math graduation requirement, please visit www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements/default.aspx and click on the math graduation frequently asked questions. For information on the WASL, visit www.waslinfo.com.