

2008 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Earn minimum of 22.5 credits:

- 4.0 English
- 1.0 United State History
- 0.5 Civics
- 0.5 Global Issues
- 0.5 Social Studies Elective (1.0 for 4-year college entrance)
- 0.0 Washington State History (should have passed in 8th grade)
- 3.0 Math (Algebra, Geometry, Adv Alg/Trig required for 4-year college entrance)
- 2.0 Science (at least 1.0 lab science)
- 1.0 Occupational
- 1.5 Physical Education
- 0.5 Health
- 1.0 Fine Arts
- 7.0 Electives (at least 2.0 credit of Foreign Language for 4-year college entrance)

2. Pass WASL Reading and Writing

Students who did not pass WASL Reading and/or Writing have the following opportunity to retake:

- Reading, March 10-11, 2008
- Writing, March 12-13, 2008

3. Pass WASL Math

Students who did not pass WASL Math must:

- Pass 1.0 credit of math this year
- Re-take the WASL Math, April 15-16, 2008

4. Complete a Portfolio

Components to be included in the portfolio are listed and accessible on the school website at:

- <http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/ahs/advisory>

5. Complete a Portfolio Presentation with marks that meet standard

Rubric for the presentation can be found on the school website at:

- <http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/ahs/advisory>

Students will make an appointment with their advisor on one of the following dates to complete their presentation:

- March 12, 2008 @ 4-7PM
- April 16, 2008 @ 4-7PM

CERTIFICATES OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT **and INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT**

The Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA) and Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA) tell families, schools, businesses and colleges that an individual student has mastered a minimum set of reading, writing and math skills. Until 2013, students can still earn a diploma without one of the certificates if they:

- Meet the state's reading and writing standards (pass WASL Reading and Writing)
- Earn 1.0 math credit each year and retake the WASL Math each year until graduation

Beginning with the class of 2013, students will be required to earn one of the certificates by meeting state learning standards in reading, writing, math and science. Both the CAA and CIA lead to the same diploma. Only a student's transcript indicates which certificate was earned.

Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA)

Students earn the CAA by meeting state reading, writing and math standards on the WASL or on one of the CAA Options.

- **WASL:** Most students take the WASL for the first time as 10th graders, though 9th graders who believe they can pass the WASL also may choose to test. Students have five free chances to pass the WASL while in high school.
- **CAA Options:** The state has created a menu of options students may access after they take the WASL at least once and do not meet standards. All of the CAA Options are designed and required to be at least as rigorous as the WASL. The CAA Options should not be viewed as an alternative for students who have not yet acquired the reading, writing, or mathematics knowledge and skills that are required by the state.
 - Submit a "collection of evident" consisting of student work showing they meet grade-level academic standards.
 - Earn scores at or above a state-designated level on the PSAT, SAT, ACT or Advanced Placement exams.
 - Compare a student's grades in specified math or English classes with the grades of students who passed the WASL. (This option is only available to students in 12th grade with an overall cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 grading scale.)

Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA)

The CIA is available for students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) who are unable to take the WASL (with or without accommodations). As 10th graders, students in special education programs only earn a CIA by passing the WASL-Modified (the WASL with the passing score adjusted to Level 2 instead of Level 3) or Washington Alternate Assessment System Portfolio. In grades 11 and 12, students who have not yet earned a CIA may also use the Developmentally Appropriate WASL (DAW), which allows students to take the WASL at a grade level that best matches their abilities. To pass the DAW, students must earn Proficient (Level 3) on each test taken. Any testing accommodations used must be consistent with the student's IEP. Students with 504 Plan are not eligible to earn a CIA.

Transfer Students

Guidelines have been established for students who transfer to a Washington public school during their junior or senior year. The process considers whether students have passed a high school assessment in their former state. In addition, these transfer students may access the CAA Options without first taking the WASL.

To earn a diploma + Certificate of Academic Achievement a student must:

- Earn 22.5 credits as shown above
- Meet state standards for reading, writing and math by one of the following:
 - Pass WASL Reading, Writing and Math
 - Pass WASL Reading, Writing and CAA Options for Math
 - Pass CAA Options for Reading, Writing and Math
- Satisfactorily complete a Portfolio and Presentation

To earn a diploma + Certificate of Individual Achievement a student must:

- Qualify for Special Education services and have a current IEP
- Earn 22.5 credits as shown above
- Meet state standards for reading, writing and math by one of the following:
 - Pass the WASL Modified (10th grade)
 - Complete a Washington Alternate Assessment System Portfolio (10th grade)
 - Pass the DAW (11th and 12th grade)
- Satisfactorily complete a Portfolio and Presentation

To earn a diploma only, a student must:

- Earn 22.5 credits as shown above
- Pass WASL Reading and Writing (or CAA Options for Reading and Writing)
- Pass 1.0 credit of Math each year (for juniors and seniors)
- Retake the WASL Math annually until graduation
- Satisfactorily complete a Portfolio and Presentation