

**WAC 392-501-502 Waivers for transfer students from other states who enroll in eleventh or twelfth grade.**

(1) The requirement that a student obtain a certificate of academic achievement or a certificate of individual achievement to graduate shall be waived for students who transfer to a Washington public school from another state in the twelfth grade year if the student provides documentation that he or she has met standards in another state on a high school assessment, general or alternate. The assessment in the other state must be used for purposes of the high school assessment required in the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act or be used for purposes of a high school graduation exit examination. Waivers shall be granted as follows:

(a) If the student met standards on the mathematics, science, and English language arts assessments in the other state, the applicable certificate shall be waived.

(b) If a student did not meet the standard on the mathematics assessment in the other state, then the student must meet the mathematics standard on the applicable Washington assessment for the certificate to be waived.

(c) If the student did not meet the standard on the English language arts assessment, then the student must meet the English language arts standard on the applicable Washington assessment for the certificate to be waived.

(d) If the student did not meet the standard on the science assessment, then the student must meet the science standard on the applicable Washington assessment for the certificate to be waived.

(e) If student was administered the consortium-generated assessment for mathematics and/or English language arts also administered by Washington, and did not meet the standards for graduation established by Washington, but did meet the standards for his or her former state, the student may apply for the associated waiver. In the event the student met or exceeded Washington's requirements with the administration in the former state, the student will be granted a certificate.

(2)(a) For eleventh grade transfer students, before using the process detailed in subsection (1) of this section, the student must be administered the Washington assessments for mathematics and English language arts. If the student does not meet standard on either the mathematics and/or English language arts assessment, the student may then apply his or her previous state assessment scores in pursuit of waiving the certificate requirement.

(b) Until the new next generation science standards assessment is administered in Washington eleventh grade students may apply for waiver from the science portion of the certificate per the process in subsection (1) of this section without administration of a Washington science assessment. The graduation alternative system will not allow student access to the science waiver until the student is in twelfth grade.

(3) The student waiver application must document passage of the assessment by one of the following options:

(a) The out-of-state school from which the student transferred must transmit to the student's new school a score report from the former school or school district where the student took the high school general assessment or alternate assessment. The score report must contain the student's assessment results (i.e., specific scores) by content area and whether or not the student met the state required standards. If the score report does not include whether or not the student met the standards, then the former school or school district must pro-

vide information documenting that the standards were met. If the out-of-state school transmitted the score report when the student enrolled in the Washington school system, then the report need not be transmitted again; or

(b) The out-of-state school from which the student transferred must transmit to the student's new school, if it has not done so already, the student's transcript documenting the student's assessment results (i.e., specific scores). The transcript must contain the student's assessment results by content area and whether or not the student met the state required standards. If the transcript does not include whether or not the student met the standards, then the former school or school district must provide information documenting that the standards were met.

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