

Equivalency Credit for Career and Technical Education Courses

I. Career and Technical Education Courses

Until September 1, 2021, the district will provide high school students with the opportunity to access at least one career and technical education course that is considered a statewide equivalency course as determined by the office of the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.700.070.

On or after September 1, 2021, any statewide equivalency course offered by the district or accessed at a skill center will be offered for academic credit.

The district may also adopt local course equivalencies for career and technical education courses that are not on the list of courses approved by the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.700.070.

Each high school will adopt core academic course equivalencies for high school career and technical courses, provided that the career and technical course has been reviewed and approved for equivalency credit by a district team appointed by the superintendent or a designee.

The district team will include a school administrator, the career and technical administrator, an instructor from the core academic subject area, an instructor from the appropriate career and technical course, a school counselor, and a representative from the curriculum department.

Career and technical courses approved for equivalency will be:

1. Aligned with the state's essential academic learning requirements and grade level expectations; and
2. Aligned with current industry standards, as evidenced in the curriculum frameworks. The local career and technical advisory committee will certify that courses meet industry standards.

II. AP courses

The board will approve Advanced Placement (AP) computer science courses as equivalent to high school mathematics or science. The superintendent or designee will adopt procedures to denote on the student's transcript that AP computer science qualifies as a math-based quantitative course for students who complete it in their senior year.

Cross References: 2170 - Career and Technical Education
2410 - High School Graduation Requirements

Legal References: RCW 28A.230.010 Course content requirements—Access to career and technical course equivalencies—Duties of school boards of directors—Waivers
RCW 28A.230.097 Career and technical high school course equivalencies
RCW 28A.230.120 High school diplomas – Issuance – Option to receive final transcripts – Notice
Laws of 2019, ch. 180, § 2 High school computer science courses—Availability—Competency testing
WAC 180-51 High School Graduation Requirements
WAC 392-410 Courses of Study and Equivalencies

Management Resources: 2019 – July Issue
2018 - May Issue
2013 - September Issue
Policy News, August 2006 Legislature Codifies Course Equivalency for Career and Technical Courses

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