

Washington
Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Washington during the 2005 or 2006 calendar years are:

- ***The Washington Scholar Designation***
- ***The Washington Opportunity Scholars Initiative.*** This program, part of the national State Scholars Initiative and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
 - Four years of English (three years of literature, one year of composition);
 - Four years of math (must be completed in high school and include Algebra II);
 - Three years of science (two years of lab science- biology, chemistry, physics preferred);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - Two years of a language other than English.
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - One year of a foreign language.
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
- ***Washington Coursework Requirements.*** This program requires:
 - Four credits of English;
 - Three credits of mathematics (including Algebra II);
 - Three credits of social studies;
 - Two credits of science, including a laboratory science; and
 - One year of fine arts (for which one additional year of study in any of the other subjects required – English, math, social studies, or science – may be substituted.)