

ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

Statewide testing is important because it helps ensure all public school students, no matter where they go to school, receive a quality education. Washington students are regularly tested by the state to assess their progress as they move through elementary and middle school.

In high school, students are tested on their proficiency of basic skills and content knowledge and must pass specific assessments to be eligible to graduate.

Class of...	English Language Arts		Mathematics	Science
2015	Reading HSPE	Writing HSPE	Choose 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra 1/EOC • Geometry/EOC • Algebra 1/EOC Exit Exam • Geometry/EOC Exit Exam 	Biology EOC <i>(until Next Gen Science Standards)</i>
2016	Choose 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading AND Writing HSPE • Smarter Balanced ELA test (exit exam score) 		Choose 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra 1/EOC • Geometry/EOC • Algebra 1/EOC Exit Exam • Geometry/EOC Exit Exam 	
2017 and 2018	Smarter Balanced ELA test (exit exam score)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geometry/EOC Exit Exam • Smarter Balanced math test (exit exam cut score) 	
2019 and Beyond	Smarter Balanced ELA test (cut scores to be determined by State Board of Education)		Smarter Balanced (cut scores to be determined by State Board of Education)	

High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE)

This test measures the proficiency of students in high school and serves as the state's exit exam. Students must pass this assessment or a state-approved alternative in reading and writing in order to be eligible to graduate.

End-of-Course Exit Exams (EOC)

End-of-course exit exams for Algebra and Geometry were implemented statewide in the 2011 school year to replace the Mathematics portion of the HSPE. The End-of-course assessment for Biology was implemented statewide in 2012, replacing the Science portion of the HSPE.

Smarter Balanced Tests

Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, subjects included in the Common Core will be assessed using the Smarter Balanced system. Meeting standard on an 11th-grade Smarter Balanced test is a state-approved assessment alternative for ELA and math for the classes of 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Starting with the Class of 2019, meeting standard on the Smarter Balanced tests will be required for high school graduation.