

# Graduation Pathways: A Closer Look



High school helps prepare students for a variety of pathways after graduation. To ensure students are prepared for the college, career, or training option of their choice, Washington State requires all students to demonstrate proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Students can show they are ready through a variety of methods, from tests to specific coursework.

The specific test cut-scores listed below are subject to change. Course pathways may also be updated annually and are subject to state approval. Based on your plans after high school, select from the pathway options below. For the current cut-scores, see: <https://www.sbe.wa.gov/our-work/graduation-pathway-options>

Questions? Check with your school counselor.

## I Plan to Attend College ...

(You can use any combination of the ELA and math options listed in this section.)

- ✓ ACT
  - ELA minimum score = 14
  - Math minimum score = 16
- ✓ SAT
  - ELA minimum score = 410
  - Math minimum score = 430
- ✓ Dual credit courses (1.0 credit total)
  - AP Course: Earn a C+ in each term of a state-approved course
  - CTE Dual Credit Courses (a minimum of 2 trimesters is needed to earn 1.0 credit)
  - College in the High School Course in subject area
  - Running Start Course in subject area
- ✓ Dual credit exams (for state approved courses):
  - AP = 3+ in subject area
- ✓ State Assessments:
  - Smarter Balanced:
    - ELA minimum score = 2548
    - Math minimum score = 2595
  - WA-AIM for qualifying students, as determined by their Individualized Education Program (IEP) team:
    - ELA minimum score = 104
    - Math minimum score = 103
- ✓ Transition Courses (1.0 credit total):
  - Completion of state approved Bridge to College course

## I Plan to Join the Military ...

- ✓ ASVAB Exam, AFQT Section
  - Minimum score = 31
- ✓ Check the State Board of Education website by September 1 annually ([www.sbe.wa.gov/our-work/graduation-pathway-options/asvab](http://www.sbe.wa.gov/our-work/graduation-pathway-options/asvab))

## I Plan to Enter Trade School, an Apprenticeship, or Work ...

- ✓ Complete 2.0 or more credits in a state-approved career pathway
- ✓ All approved pathways include a dual credit course, credential or certification, or lead to an industry recognized credential or certification