

SB 6435 - DIGEST

Provides that, beginning with the high school graduating class of 2008, a certificate of academic progress shall be available to students who have completed all state and local requirements for high school graduation except obtaining a certificate of academic achievement under RCW 28A.655.061 or a certificate of individual achievement under RCW 28A.155.045. The certificate of academic progress is not the equivalent of a high school diploma, but enables students to participate in commencement ceremonies upon meeting the criteria in this section.

Requires that, to be eligible for a certificate of academic progress, a student must: (1) Pass all state and local high school graduation requirements except for obtaining a certificate of academic achievement or a certificate of individual achievement and must have taken at least one retake;

(2) Maintain at least a ninety percent attendance level during the senior year of high school, however the school district superintendent may waive this requirement upon the student providing documentation of circumstances such as illness that warrant waiving this requirement; and

(3) Meet with counselors, teachers, and parents, as appropriate, to update the student's high school and beyond plan.