

WAC 180-111-030 Application and approval process for public school districts.

(1) The state board of education will make an application available to school districts seeking the emergency waiver of certain graduation requirements. A school district may apply to the state board of education for the authority to waive pathway and credit-based graduation requirements for individual students. The state board of education will accept applications through a deadline to be determined by the state board of education.

(2) To be granted the emergency waiver authority, the school district must certify it will administer the emergency waiver in accordance with program rules as stated in this chapter.

(3) The application must be certified by the school district superintendent or equivalent personnel with authority to sign on behalf of the school district.

(4) The SBE will develop an application and process for granting school districts emergency waiver authority in a subsequent emergency that will include:

(a) For local emergencies: The school districts will apply to the state board of education and will state the nature and duration of the emergency and how it impacts students' ability to meet requirements. The district may request specific credit and graduation pathway option flexibility based on the nature of the emergency. If the state board of education approves the district application, the board will grant the school district authority through a formal action in a public board meeting.

(b) For state or national emergencies: The state board of education will adopt rules that address the specific circumstances surrounding each new emergency, any applicable eligibility criteria, and limitations on the number and type of credits that can be waived.

(5) The state board of education may approve applications that meet the criteria stated in subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The board may delegate this authority to its executive director for efficiency per RCW 28A.305.130(7).

(6) The state board of education will promptly post on its public website a list of all approved applications.

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