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RCW 28A.600.300

High school students' options -- Definition.

For the purposes of RCW [28A.600.310](#) through [28A.600.400](#), "participating institution of higher education" or "institution of higher education" means:

(1) A community or technical college as defined in RCW [28B.50.030](#); and

(2) Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Washington State University, and The Evergreen State College, if the institution's governing board decides to participate in the program in RCW [28A.600.310](#) through [28A.600.400](#).

[2002 c 80 § 1; 1994 c 205 § 1; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 401.]

NOTES:

Finding -- Severability -- 1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

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RCW 28A.600.310

High school students' options -- Enrollment in institutions of higher education -- Transmittal of funds.

(1) Eleventh and twelfth grade students or students who have not yet received a high school diploma or its equivalent and are eligible to be in the eleventh or twelfth grades may apply to a participating institution of higher education to enroll in courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education. However, students are eligible to enroll in courses or programs in participating universities only if the board of directors of the student's school district has decided to participate in the program. Participating institutions of higher education, in consultation with school districts, may establish admission standards for these students. If the institution of higher education accepts a secondary school pupil for enrollment under this section, the institution of higher education shall send written notice to the pupil and the pupil's school district within ten days of acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course and hours of enrollment for that pupil.

(2) The pupil's school district shall transmit to the institution of higher education an amount per each full-time equivalent college student at statewide uniform rates for vocational and nonvocational students. The superintendent of public instruction shall separately calculate and allocate moneys appropriated for basic education under RCW [28A.150.260](#) to school districts for purposes of making such payments and for granting school districts seven percent thereof to offset program related costs. The calculations and allocations shall be based upon the estimated statewide annual average per full-time equivalent high school student allocations under RCW [28A.150.260](#), excluding small high school enhancements, and applicable rules adopted under chapter [34.05](#) RCW. The superintendent of public instruction, the higher education coordinating board, and the state board for community and technical colleges shall consult on the calculation and distribution of the funds. The institution of higher education shall not require the pupil to pay any other fees. The funds received by the institution of higher education from the school district shall not be deemed tuition or operating fees and may be retained by the institution of higher education. A student enrolled under this subsection shall not be counted for the purpose of determining any enrollment restrictions imposed by the state on the institution of higher education.

[1994 c 205 § 2; 1993 c 222 § 1; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 402.]

NOTES:

Effective date -- 1993 c 222: "This act shall take effect September 1, 1993." [1993 c 222 § 2.]

Finding -- Severability -- 1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

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RCW 28A.600.320

High school students' options -- Information on enrollment.

A school district shall provide general information about the program to all pupils in grades ten, eleven, and twelve and the parents and guardians of those pupils. To assist the district in planning, a pupil shall inform the district of the pupil's intent to enroll in courses at an institution of higher education for credit. Students are responsible for applying for admission to the institution of higher education.

[1994 c 205 § 3; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 403.]

NOTES:

Finding -- Severability -- 1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

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RCW 28A.600.330

High school students' options -- Maximum terms of enrollment for high school credit.

A pupil who enrolls in an institution of higher education in grade eleven may not enroll in postsecondary courses under RCW [28A.600.300](#) through [28A.600.390](#) for high school credit and postsecondary credit for more than the equivalent of the course work for two academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in an institution of higher education in grade twelve may not enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for high school credit and postsecondary credit for more than the equivalent of the course work for one academic year.

[1994 c 205 § 4; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 404.]

NOTES:

Finding -- Severability -- 1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

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RCW 28A.600.340

High school students' options -- Enrolled students not displaced.

Once a pupil has been enrolled in a postsecondary course or program under RCW [28A.600.300](#) through [28A.600.400](#), the pupil shall not be displaced by another student.

[1994 c 205 § 5; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 405.]

NOTES:

Finding -- Severability -- 1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

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RCW 28A.600.350

High school students' options -- Enrollment for secondary and postsecondary credit.

A pupil may enroll in a course under RCW [28A.600.300](#) through [28A.600.390](#) for both high school credit and postsecondary credit.

[1994 c 205 § 6; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 406.]

NOTES:

Finding -- Severability -- 1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

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RCW 28A.600.360

High school students' options -- Enrollment in postsecondary institution -- Determination of high school credits -- Application toward graduation requirements.

A school district shall grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for high school credit if the pupil successfully completes the course. If no comparable course is offered by the school district, the school district superintendent shall determine how many credits to award for the course. The determination shall be made in writing before the pupil enrolls in the course. The credits shall be applied toward graduation requirements and subject area requirements. Evidence of the successful completion of each course in an institution of higher education shall be included in the pupil's secondary school records and transcript. The transcript shall also note that the course was taken at an institution of higher education.

[1994 c 205 § 7; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 407.]

NOTES:

Finding -- Severability -- 1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

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RCW 28A.600.370

High school students' options -- Postsecondary credit.

Any state institution of higher education may award postsecondary credit for college level academic and vocational courses successfully completed by a student while in high school and taken at an institution of higher education. The state institution of higher education shall not charge a fee for the award of the credits.

[1994 c 205 § 8; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 408.]

NOTES:

Finding -- Severability -- 1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

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RCW 28A.600.380

High school students' options -- School district not responsible for transportation.

Transportation to and from the institution of higher education is not the responsibility of the school district.

[1994 c 205 § 9; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 409.]

NOTES:

Finding -- Severability -- 1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

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RCW 28A.600.385

High school students' options -- Cooperative agreements with community colleges in Oregon and Idaho.

(1) School districts in Washington and community colleges in Oregon and Idaho may enter into cooperative agreements under chapter [39.34](#) RCW for the purpose of allowing eleventh and twelfth grade students who are enrolled in the school districts to earn high school and college credit concurrently.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, if a school district exercises the authority granted in subsection (1) of this section, the provisions of RCW [28A.600.310](#) through [28A.600.360](#) and [28A.600.380](#) through [28A.600.400](#) shall apply to the agreements.

(3) A school district may enter an agreement in which the community college agrees to accept an amount less than the statewide uniform rate under RCW [28A.600.310](#)(2) if the community college does not charge participating students tuition and fees. A school district may not pay a per-credit rate in excess of the statewide uniform rate under RCW [28A.600.310](#)(2).

(4) To the extent feasible, the agreements shall permit participating students to attend the community college without paying any tuition and fees. The agreements shall not permit the community college to charge participating students nonresident tuition and fee rates.

(5) The agreements shall ensure that participating students are permitted to enroll only in courses that are transferable to one or more institutions of higher education as defined in RCW [28B.10.016](#).

[1998 c 63 § 2.]

NOTES:

Finding -- 1998 c 63: "The legislature finds that students may have difficulty attending community college for the purpose of the running start program due to the distance of the nearest community college. In these cases, it may be more advantageous for students in border counties to attend community colleges in neighboring states. The legislature encourages school districts to pursue interagency agreements with community colleges in neighboring states when it is in the best interests of the student's educational progress." [1998 c 63 § 1.]

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RCW 28A.600.400

High school students' options -- Existing agreements not affected.

RCW [28A.600.300](#) through [28A.600.390](#) are in addition to and not intended to adversely affect agreements between school districts and institutions of higher education in effect on April 11, 1990, and in the future.

[1994 c 205 § 11; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 412.]

NOTES:

Finding -- Severability -- 1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

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RCW 28A.230.090

High school graduation requirements or equivalencies -- Reevaluation and report by state board of education -- Credit for courses taken before attending high school -- Postsecondary credit equivalencies.

(1) The state board of education shall establish high school graduation requirements or equivalencies for students. Any course in Washington state history and government used to fulfill high school graduation requirements is encouraged to include information on the culture, history, and government of the American Indian peoples who were the first inhabitants of the state.

(2) In recognition of the statutory authority of the state board of education to establish and enforce minimum high school graduation requirements, the state board shall periodically reevaluate the graduation requirements and shall report such findings to the legislature in a timely manner as determined by the state board.

(3) Pursuant to any requirement for instruction in languages other than English established by the state board of education or a local school district, or both, for purposes of high school graduation, students who receive instruction in American sign language or one or more American Indian languages shall be considered to have satisfied the state or local school district graduation requirement for instruction in one or more languages other than English.

(4) If requested by the student and his or her family, a student who has completed high school courses before attending high school shall be given high school credit which shall be applied to fulfilling high school graduation requirements if:

(a) The course was taken with high school students, if the academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth grade classes, and the student has successfully passed by completing the same course requirements and examinations as the high school students enrolled in the class; or

(b) The academic level of the course exceeds the requirements for seventh and eighth grade classes and the course would qualify for high school credit, because the course is similar or equivalent to a course offered at a high school in the district as determined by the school district board of directors.

(5) Students who have taken and successfully completed high school courses under the circumstances in subsection (4) of this section shall not be required to take an additional competency examination or perform any other additional assignment to receive credit. Subsection (4) of this section shall also apply to students enrolled in high school on April 11, 1990, who took the courses before attending high school.

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(6) At the college or university level, five quarter or three semester hours equals one high school credit.

[1997 c 222 § 2; 1993 c 371 § 3. Prior: 1992 c 141 § 402; 1992 c 60 § 1; 1990 1st ex.s. c 9 § 301; 1988 c 172 § 1; 1985 c 384 § 2; 1984 c 278 § 6. Formerly RCW [28A.05.060](#).]

NOTES:

Intent -- 1997 c 222: "In 1994, the legislature directed the higher education board and the state board of education to convene a task force to examine and provide recommendations on establishing credit equivalencies. In November 1994, the task force recommended unanimously that the state board of education maintain the definition of five quarter or three semester college credits as equivalent to one high school credit. Therefore, the legislature intends to adopt the recommendations of the task force." [1997 c 222 § 1.]

Findings -- Part headings -- Severability -- 1992 c 141: See notes following RCW [28A.410.040](#).

Finding -- Severability -- 1990 1st ex.s. c 9: See notes following RCW [28A.225.220](#).

Severability -- 1984 c 278: See note following RCW [28A.320.220](#).

