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## APPLICATION

### Temporary Waiver from High School Graduation Requirements Under Chapter 217, Laws of 2014

#### Instructions

RCW 28A.230.090(1)(d)(ii) authorizes school districts to apply to the State Board of Education (SBE) for a temporary waiver from the career and college ready graduation requirements directed by Chapter 217, Laws of 2104 (E2SSB 6552) beginning with the graduating class of 2020 or 2021 instead of the graduating class of 2019. This law further provides:

**In the application, a school district must describe why the waiver is being requested, the specific impediments preventing timely implementation, and efforts that will be taken to achieve implementation with the graduating class proposed under the waiver. The state board of education shall grant a waiver under this subsection (1)(d) to an applying school district at the next subsequent meeting of the board after receiving an application.**

The SBE has adopted rules to implement this provision as WAC 180-51-068(11). The rules provide that the SBE must post an application form on its public web site for use by school districts. The rules further provide:

- The application must be accompanied by a resolution adopted by the district's board of directors requesting the waiver. The resolution must, at a minimum:
  1. State the entering freshman class or classes for whom the waiver is requested;
  2. Be signed by the chair or president of the board of directors and the district superintendent.
- A district implementing a waiver granted by the SBE under this law will continue to be subject to the prior high school graduation requirements as specified in WAC 180-51-067 during the school year or years for which the waiver has been granted.
- A district granted a waiver under this law that elects to implement the career and college ready graduation requirements in WAC 180-51-068 during the period for which the waiver is granted shall provide notification of that decision to the SBE.

For questions or assistance with this application, please contact:

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## Application

Please complete in full. Please identify any attachments provided by reference to the numbered items below.

1. Name of district: Coupeville School District No. 204

2. Contact information

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3. Date of application: 4/27/2015

4. Please explain why the district is requesting a waiver to delay implementation of career and college ready graduation requirements in WAC 180-51-068.

The district's Board of Directors has adopted graduation requirements for the classes of 2015-2018 and 2019 aligned with the State Board of Education standards. However, an extra year is requested to allow a yet-to-be-hired STEM teacher to work with existing staff in identifying CTE courses to be offered, and to develop course equivalencies with teachers in other content areas.

5. Please describe the specific impediments preventing implementation of the career and college ready graduation requirements beginning with the graduating class of 2019.

Three key factors were at play this year:

- 1) The Coupeville School District began the 2014-2015 school year with a new high school principal (relocating from Vermont), a new high school counselor, and a change in administrative configuration.
- 2) During the current year, the high school investigated scheduling options and is in the process of changing to a 5x5 schedule.
- 3) The current CTE teacher is retiring this year, and a replacement has not yet been hired.

The confluence of these circumstances limited the possibilities for developing the CTE courses and equivalent credit options necessary under WAC 180-51-068 (7).

6. Please indicate below the graduating class for which the district will first implement the career and college ready graduation requirements.

Class of 2020

Class of 2021

7. Please describe the efforts that will be undertaken to achieve implementation of the career and college ready graduation requirements for the graduating class indicated above.

The district will employ a STEM / CTE teacher prior to the start of the 2015-2016 school year. That individual will work with staff in multiple content areas to develop courses that will meet the state requirements for CTE credit. School administrators will lead the process of determining equivalent courses under RCW 28A.700.070, using the "Equivalency Credit Toolkit 3.3" developed by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**Final step**

Please attach the district resolution required by WAC 180-51-068, signed and dated by the chair or president of the board of directors and the district superintendent.

**COUPEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 204**  
**Island County, Washington**  
**April 27, 2015**  
**Resolution 2015-03**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Coupeville School District No. 204, Island County, Washington, requesting a temporary waiver from the State Board of Education career and college ready graduation requirements, as authorized under RCW 28A.230.090(1)(d)(ii).

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Coupeville School District has adopted graduation requirements for the classes of 2015-2018 and 2019 that are aligned with the State Board of Education standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the district has been unable to develop the necessary courses to comply with career and technical course frameworks under RCW 28A.230.090(a)(d)(ii), and consequently has been unable to identify course equivalencies under WAC 180-51-068(7); and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Education has been authorized to grant a temporary waiver from the career and college ready graduation requirements, upon submission of an application from the district and a resolution of the Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Coupeville School District Board of Directors petition the State Board of Education for a one year waiver from the current career and college ready graduation requirements, as authorized under RCW 28A.230.090(1)(d)(ii), said waiver to impact the Coupeville High School class of 2020.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coupeville School District and duly authenticated by the signatures of the directors voting in favor thereof.

The following directors were present and voting:

Christine Sears

Glenda Mervine

Chris E. Chen

Kathleen Anderson

Venessa Hunt

ATTEST:

Jim Dorse  
Secretary to the Board of Directors