Due to changes in state testing requirements and different graduation requirements for different grades, it’s difficult to know which tests students are required to take. Here’s a guide to the state tests required for graduation for Shoreline high school students for each graduating class. All requirements are subject to change by action of the state legislature. These are in addition to the required courses, credits, and other graduation requirements.

**Test Names**  
SBA – Smarter Balanced Assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math  
WCAS – Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (not a graduation requirement until the class of 2021)

### State Tests Students Must Pass Prior to Graduation

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**Alternative Assessments:** Students who have attempted but not yet met the state standard on any test required for graduation will need to retake that test or use an assessment alternative. Alternative assessments for students who have not passed state tests include, but are not limited to:

- Achieving a high enough score on the SAT or ACT;
- Scoring a 3 or higher on an AP exam;
- Completing a dual credit course in English language arts or mathematics in which the student earns both high school and college credit; or
- For seniors with at least a 3.2 GPA, a comparison of their grades with other students who took the same courses and did pass the state test.
- Assessment alternatives for WCAS have not been announced by the state.

There are other options for special education students. For information about the graduation alternatives, contact your counselor. There is also information at the state website: [http://k12.wa.us/assessment/GraduationAlternatives](http://k12.wa.us/assessment/GraduationAlternatives).

**Test Participation Requirements:** Participation in state testing is one of the means by which the state determines if schools are making progress towards meeting learning goals. In addition to the graduation requirements, there are assessments that students must take to meet federal accountability requirements even if they have taken them at an earlier grade.

- All sophomores must take the SBA ELA and math tests.
- *Although this is not a graduation requirement until the class of 2021, juniors must take WCAS science test due to federal and state participation requirements.*