



Getting to Graduation: Walla Walla High School

Class of 2010





**Approximately 826
days from today . . .**

**Wa-Hi's class of
2010 graduates**



4 Steps to Graduation

- complete a Culminating Project
- craft a High School and Beyond Plan
- earn the required number of credits in high school classes
- earn a Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA) or Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA)



Walla Walla High School Graduation Requirements

- complete the Blueprint Project
- craft a High School and Beyond Plan
- earn 22 credits in required courses
- earn a Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA)



Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA)

- Helps ensure all WA students get a foundation of essential skills.
- The CAA signifies students have met statewide **reading, writing** and **math** standards on the High School WASL by the end of High School.



Help for High School Students who don't earn the Certificate on the 1st try

- **Retesting**: Students will have 4 additional free opportunities to pass the High School WASL
- An **alternative** options will be available to students (after student takes the WASL 1 time).
- **Schedule specific classes** to help students reach standard in the areas of deficiency- math, reading, and/or writing.



Incentives to do well on the High School WASL

- Scores & Level noted on transcript.
- “Scholar’s Designation” on transcript for students scoring at “Level 4” in all tests on first testing opportunity.
- Wa-Hi Junior-Senior responsibility – “off-campus” lunch privileges
- It’s a graduation requirement!



2008 High School WASL Schedule

Week 1 Tests

Monday, March 10

Reading Session One

Tuesday, March 11

Reading Session Two

Wednesday, March 12

Writing Session One

Thursday, March 13

Writing Session Two

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2008 High School WASL Schedule

Week 2 Tests

Monday, April 14

Math—Session One

Tuesday, April 15

Math—Session Two

Wednesday, April 16

Science – Session One

Thursday, April 17

Science – Session Two

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WASL A & B Schedules

- Juice & Breakfast bar available before testing in the Commons
- Testing Begins at 8:45 sharp every day- in the large gymnasium.
- 2nd period meets every day after testing at 10:55- but it's short & sweet!!
- All other classes meet every other day for approximately 60 minutes.



South Emergency Exit Doors

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Row 1	1 A	2 A	3 A	4 B		5 B	6 B	7 B	8 B	9 B	
Row 2	10 B	11 B	12 C	13 C		14 C	15 C	16 C	17 C	18 D	
Row 3	19 D	20 D	21 E	22 E		23 E/F	24 F	25 G	26 G	27 G	
Row 4	28 G	29 H	30 H	31 H		32 H	33 H	34 H/I	35 J	36 J	
Row 5	37 K	38 K	39 K/L						40 L	41 L	42 L
Row 6	43 M	44 M	45 M	46 M		47 M	48 M	49M/N	50 N	51 O	
Row 7	52 O/P	53 P	54 P	55 P		56 P/R	57 R	58 R	59 R	60 R	
Row 8	61 R	62 R	63 R	64 S		65 S	66 S	67 S	68 S	69 S	
Row 9	70 S	71 S	72 T	73 T		74 T/V	75 V	76 W	77 W	78W/Y	

Large Gym

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INSTRUCTIONS

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Wrestling
Room

Boy's Locker Room

Girl's Locker Room

Main Entrance &
Concession Stand Area

Why WASL testing in the Large Gym?

- All students hear the same instructions in the same way- assures fairness & equity.
- Students like testing in the same area as their friends and teachers.
- There is an increased likelihood of being successful.
- It's easy to find and get to the gym.
- Questions can be answered immediately.
- See me after today's presentation to request to test in a smaller room if you would so desire.



Large Gym WASL testing

- Daily Breaks – you may stand, stretch, see your friends, use the restroom, get a drink, etc.
- Daily Breaks- you may NOT discuss ANY part of the test however. Doing so will **INVALIDATE** your test and you will not receive a score for that part of the test.



Large Gym WASL testing

- The WASL tests are not timed, therefore, you can take your time.
- Students who remain working on a test will be allowed to finish their work. (However, each test must be completed on the same day it was begun.)
- Students not finished during the scheduled testing session will stay in the gym or move to the Fletcher room.



No Electronic Devices



- Cell phones & pagers must be turned off & kept out of view during all testing sessions and breaks- Taking a cell phone out may result in invalidating your test.
- No use of Palms or PDAs.
- No handheld gaming devices.
- No radios, CD Players or MP3 Players. Not even when you're done with a test.



UNPLUGGED & OFF FOR 2 HOURS



Large Gym WASL testing

- Dress comfortably- in March it could be chilly so consider bringing a sweatshirt.
- Dress smartly- you're sitting in a chair & leaning forward – be wise & wear a long shirt and the backside covered.
- Refrain from tapping pencils, feet, other disruptive sounds that could bother other testing students.



Large Gym WASL testing

- You may **not** visit with your table partners during the testing.
- If you need to get a drink, use the restroom, or simply have a question, raise your hand and a “table leader” teacher will quickly assist you.



Every day of testing.....

- Bring at least two sharpened #2 pencils.
- Bring a personal reading book.
- You will not be able to do math homework during math testing days. Reading a personal book is your safe bet.



Every day of testing.....

- Work on the correct part of the test and make sure you have your own test booklet.
- You may bring a water bottle....no other beverages or food.



Bring with you to the Math “Tools” day & Science test.....

- Calculator, ruler, compass, and protractor
- Science allows calculators, ruler, & straightedge every day.
- (Dictionaries, when allowed, will be provided to you.)



WASL Test Make-Ups

- Make-ups are not offered, even if you have an excused absence (illness, for example) You will simply not receive a score.
- Thus, don't schedule morning appointments during the testing weeks.



Absences

- If you are absent from one day of a test, you are still expected to take the test the next day.
- The test will not be scored, however it will still give you good exposure & practice on the test.



Summer WASL Institute

- Spring scores will be here early June. If you didn't meet standard in one or more sections, you might want to consider attending Summer WASL Institute to prepare for August testing.
- The next WASL test opportunity will be in August, 2007. This will be considered your second opportunity.
- You will have to register to participate in the August testing.



Summer WASL Institute

- Held at Walla Walla High School
- Taught by teachers who will be trained specifically in WASL modules
- No cost to participants
- Credits can be earned
- 5 weeks in length
- 2-3 hours per day, Monday – Thursday
- More information will come to you in May.





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