

**Next year's entering 9<sup>th</sup> graders, graduating Class of 2021, will have new graduation requirements**

In 2014 the Washington State Board of Education updated the graduation requirements as per Senate Bill 6552. One of the requirements was that students graduating from Washington State high schools must graduate with 24 credits. The Stanwood-Camano School District applied for a two-year waiver for these graduation requirements in order to study best possible ways to implement the 24 credit requirement.

Next year's entering freshmen students, **the graduating Class of 2021**, will be required to have **24 credits** in order to graduate. They are also required to create a High School and beyond plan that includes Personalized Pathways. These are related courses that lead to a specific post high school career or educational outcomes chosen by students based on interests. Personalized Pathways may include Career and Technical Education, World Languages or the Arts.

Below are the current graduation requirements and the graduation requirements for the Class of 2017 and beyond:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Requirements for Class of 2017-2020</b>	<b>Requirements for Class of 2021 and beyond as set by the Washington State Board of Education</b>
English	4	4
Mathematics	3	3
Science	2 (1 lab science)	3 (2 lab science)
Social Studies	3	3
Career and Tech Education	1	1 (can also be personalized pathways)
Health and Fitness	2	2
Arts	1	2 (can be Personalized Pathway)
Electives	6.5	4
World Languages or personalized pathways	0	2 (can be personalized pathway)
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>24</b>

**For more information regarding graduation requirements, please see the Washington State Board of Education Site below:**

**<http://www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.php#.WAqC6mUa25Y>**