

**FamilyLink & StudentLink  
High School Graduation Requirements**

The partnership between the Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) programs FamilyLink and StudentLink, and the Vashon Island School District encourages extraordinary student (and in the case of FamilyLink, parental) participation in education choices, and provides school district resources to assist these students in achieving their educational goals. A primary goal for most is the attainment of a High School Diploma. While Vashon Island School District recognizes that ALE students have a broad and varied educational experience, it also is responsible for maintaining educational standards and verifying student achievements. This policy is intended to define the circumstances and requirements that must be met if ALE students are to be awarded a High School Diploma by the Vashon Island School District in accordance with Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements.

<u>Credit Requirements</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>FamilyLink &amp; StudentLink</u>	<u>VHS</u>
English	3.0	4.0	4.5
Math <sup>1</sup>	2.0	2.0/3.0	2.5/3.5
Science <sup>2</sup>	2.0	2.0	2.0
Social Studies <sup>3</sup>	2.5	3.0	3.5
Fitness/Health <sup>4</sup>	2.0	2.0	2.5
Fine, Visual or Performing Art	1.0	1.0	1.0
Occupational Ed	1.0	1.0	1.0
Electives	<u>5.5</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>9.5</u>
<b>Totals Required To Graduate</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>20.5/21.5</b>	<b>28.0</b>

FamilyLink/StudentLink programs are designed to prepare students for post-secondary goals. Individual students frequently exceed core and elective FamilyLink/StudentLink requirements, particularly those planning to attend college after graduation.

In addition to the minimum credit requirements to earn a diploma, each student must complete:

- A High School and Beyond Plan
- A Culminating Project
- Pass the reading and writing portions of the High School Proficiency Exams (HSPE)
- Complete additional math credits, if the student failed to successfully pass the math portion of the HSPE or an appropriate alternative.
  - Class of 2009-2012: Students must earn two math credits or career and technical education equivalent math credits after 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Credits earned must meet 9/10 grade level expectations.

A student will receive a certificate of academic achievement (CAA) only if they meet the reading, writing and math standard on the HSPE in addition to completing all of the above graduation requirements.

### Satisfying Requirements

Alternative Learning Experience students wishing to graduate with a VISD FamilyLink or StudentLink Diploma must enroll in those programs as a full-time equivalent student. Upon enrollment (and pursuant to School Board Policy No. 2410, each student will be assessed by the consulting teacher in each required subject. This assessment may take the form of interviews, competency testing and/or portfolio reviews. Based on this review, the consulting teacher will prepare a Five Year Education Plan to fulfill any remaining requirements. This plan and the requirements may be met in two ways:

1. Regular Courses Offered at FamilyLink, Vashon Island High School, or Running Start: These courses will be graded and recorded in the same manner for ALE students as they are for non-ALE students.
2. Home or Contract-Based Instruction Using Homeschool and/or Alternative Curricula: With the approval of the consulting teacher, the student shall complete a curriculum provided outside the school district and demonstrate, through test scores, assignments, portfolios or other agreed upon means, competency in the subject matter. These courses are graded pass/fail.

As in any case, course work must be approved in advance in the Written Student Learning Plan to be eligible for credit in the FamilyLink or StudentLink program.

### **Graduation**

Upon completion of the ALE credit requirements, and consistent with School Board Policy No. 2410, the student shall be granted a FamilyLink or StudentLink High School Diploma by the Vashon Island School District and be given a transcript and be eligible for all rights and benefits available to Vashon Island High School graduates.

### Footnotes

*1 Class of 2013 will require 3 credits; Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II Or, the 5 year plan will reflect that the student is not moving towards a university program, and is in an educational/vocational track that does not require higher math skills*

*2 One (1) credit must be a laboratory science.*

*3 One (1) credit U.S. History & Government, a .5 credit Washington State History & Government, 1 credit Contemporary World History, Geography, and Problems, .5 credit Social Studies elective. (If Washington State History has been taken at the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade level, students may opt for .5 credits in Social Studies elective of their choice.)*

*4 A minimum of a .5 credit must be Health.*

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