

Current Policy

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**Chapter 6. Graduation Cohort, Index, and Rate**

**§613. Calculating a Graduation Index**

A. For 2014-15 only (2013-14 graduates), points shall be assigned for each member of a cohort according to the following table.

| Student Result   | Points |
|--|--------|
| HS Diploma plus<br>(a) AP score of 3 or higher, IB Score of 4 or higher, or CLEP score of 50 or higher<br>OR<br>(b) Advanced statewide Jump Start credential<br>*Students achieving both (a) and (b) will generate 160 points.   | 150    |
| HS Diploma plus<br>(a) At least one passing course grade of the following type: AP**, college credit, dual enrollment, or IB**<br>OR<br>(b) Basic statewide Jump Start credential<br>*Students achieving both (a) and (b) will generate 115 points, if the passing course grade for (a) is earned in a TOPS core curriculum course.<br>**Students must take the AP/IB exam and pass the course to earn 110 points. | 110    |
| Four-year graduate (includes Career Diploma student with a regional Jump Start credential)   | 100    |
| Five-year graduate with any diploma<br>*Five-year graduates who earn an AP score of 3 or higher, an IB score of 4 or higher, or a CLEP score of 50 or higher will generate 140 points.   | 75     |
| Six-year graduate with any diploma   | 50     |
| HiSET  | 25     |
| Non-graduate without HiSET   | 0      |

B. Beginning in 2015-16 (2014-15 graduates), points shall be assigned for each member of a cohort according to the following table.

| Student Result   | Points |
|--|--------|
| HS Diploma plus<br>(a) AP score of 3 or higher, IB Score of 4 or higher, or CLEP score of 50 or higher<br>OR<br>(b) Advanced statewide Jump Start credential<br>*Students achieving both (a) and (b) will generate 160 points.   | 150    |
| HS Diploma plus<br>(a) At least one passing course grade for TOPS core curriculum credit of the following type: AP**, college credit, dual enrollment, or IB**<br>OR<br>(b) Basic statewide Jump Start credential<br>*Students achieving both (a) and (b) will generate 115 points.<br>**Students must take the AP/IB exam and pass the course to earn 110 points. | 110    |
| Four-year graduate (includes Career Diploma student with a regional Jump Start credential)   | 100    |
| Five-year graduate with any diploma<br>*Five-year graduates who earn an AP score of 3 or higher, an IB score of 4 or higher, or a CLEP score of 50 or higher will generate 140 points.   | 75     |
| Six-year graduate with any diploma   | 50     |
| HiSET  | 25     |
| Non-graduate without HiSET   | 0      |

C. The graduation index of a school shall be the average number of points earned by cohort members.

1. Starting with the graduating class of 2017-2018 (2019 SPS), only WIC-approved industry based certifications (IBCs) will be included as basic statewide credentials.

D.1. The diploma must be earned no later than the third administration of the summer retest following the fourth year of high school of the students' cohort.

a. For example, a student who finishes the fourth year of high school in 2012 must complete the assessment requirements before or during the 2014 summer test administration.

2. When related to awarding fifth year graduate points, the enrollment must be continuous and consist of at least 45 calendar days.

E. To ensure the accuracy of data used to calculate the graduation index, the calculation shall lag one year behind the collection of the data. (The index earned by the graduating class of 2012 will be used for 2013 accountability calculations.)

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