

101 Unfunded mandates since the 2017 Session¹

Passed in the 2025 session

HB 1079 – encourages districts with online programs to offer statewide assessments online²

1. HB 1296 – makes changes to anti-discrimination and other policies: Student’s rights bill
 2. HB 1393 – requires allowing high school graduation regalia and cultural items
 3. SB 5004 – requires districts to update emergency response systems
 4. SB 5030- changes to required enrollment documents
 5. SB 5189 – requires a new high school transcript showing competency based crediting
 6. SB 5192 – requires different reporting of MSOC by disaggregated categories
 7. SB 5263 – makes special education funding and policy changes, accounting changes
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SB 5358 – encourages CTE in 6th grade

SB 5641 – encourages blood donation instruction and training

Passed in the 2024 session

8. HB 1146 – requires districts to provide information about each available dual credit program and available financial assistance.
 9. HB 1228 – requires seal of biliteracy and seal on the transcript
 10. HB 1239 – requires posting to website Ed Ombuds information
 11. HB 1277 – makes changes to requirements for the paraeducator training program
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HB 1608 – encourages school districts to have epinephrine and epinephrine autoinjectors on school properties

12. HB 2331 – requires updates to policies and procedures for supplemental instructional materials
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¹ This list is a “best attempt” at listing new school year requirements, programs, reports or staffing levels passed by the Legislature since the 2017 session but the author may have missed some bills or budget provisos. It does not address underfunded requirements or other unfunded mandates that school districts must implement each year such as annual auditing, substitute costs, public records requests, health benefits for locally or federally funded staff, and more.

² Bills in italics “encourage” school districts to do something or create a new program or opportunity.

13. SB 5462 – requires new policies and procedures for inclusive curricula and diverse, equitable, age-appropriate instructional materials

14. SB 5647 – requires school districts to make changes and share information about school safety plans with substitute teachers and temporary employees

15. SB 5790 – requires bleeding control equipment on every school campus, training requirements for at least 2 staff per school

16. SB 5804 – requires school districts and schools to stock at least one set of opioid overdose reversal medication doses

Passed in the 2023 session

17. HB 1015 – requires minimum employment requirements for paraeducators

18. HB 1207 – requires districts to use new model Student Handbook language developed by OSPI

19. HB 1210 – requires districts to audio-record school board meetings

20. HB 1230 – requires districts to prominently link information about secure storage of prescription drugs, over the counter medications, and firearms and ammunition

21. HB 1238 – requires districts to provide breakfast and lunch each school day at no charge

22. HB 1308 – creates an additional graduation pathway, portfolio option, to implement

23. HB 1316 – requires districts to allow eligible students to participate in the Running Start program and changes funding to 1.4 FTE. Also creates a Summer Running Start pilot program

24. HB 1346 – sets requirements to receive a Purple Star designation

25. HB 1658 – adds a Paid Work Experience elective credit for high school students

HB 1777 – creates an opportunity for energy service contracts

26. SB 5072 – requires universal screenings for highly capable students

SB 5000 – encourages districts to designate time for appropriate activities in commemoration of Chinese American/Americans of Chinese Descent History Month (January) and recognize contributions of Chinese Americans

27. SB 5048 – sets state-funded fees for College in the High School; program is voluntary

SB 5065 – encourages districts to provide instruction and awareness in bone marrow awareness, including training requirements

28. SB 5127 – requires districts to exempt from public disclosure requirements the personal information of a child, enrolled or who has been enrolled, including any records and correspondence

29. SB 5243 – requires High School & Beyond Plan requirements to be updated

30. SB 5257 – requires public schools to offer a minimum of 30 minutes of daily recess within the school day to all students in grades K-5 or grades K-6

31. SB 5275 – expands benefits to school board directors, employee organizations representing school employees, and tribal compact schools provided by the School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB)

32. SB 5350 – increases retirement benefits to Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1

33. SB 5355 – requires districts to include instruction in sex trafficking prevention

34. SB 5403 – requires school districts with fewer than 2000 students to establish a depreciation subfund to reserve funds for future facility and equipment needs

35. SB 5617 – requires interdistrict cooperative agreements in a skill center to allow course equivalencies approved by OSPI or local districts to be honored by all participating school districts and requires notification to all students prior to the start of the school year about course offerings

Passed in the 2022 session

36. HB 1153 – requires districts to employ a full-time language access coordinator; also requires school districts to annually collect data on the language in which each student and the family prefer to communicate

37. HB 1617 – requires Juneteenth (June 19th) to be treated as a state holiday (paid, no school)

38. HB 1630 – expands the prohibition against knowingly carrying and possessing weapons in areas of school facilities while being used for official meetings of the school board

HB 1644 – allows funds in the Transportation Vehicle Fund to be used for electric and other zero emission pupil transportation vehicle feasibility planning and fueling station infrastructure

39. HB 1664 – requires districts to use funding for Physical, Social and Emotional Support (PSES) staff only in selected categories of staff

HB 1723 – makes changes to the Digital Equity program at Department of Commerce, voluntary

HB 2068 – creates the Imagination Library program

HB 2078 – establishes the Outdoor Learning Grant Program, which includes the Outdoor Education Experiences Program for 5th and 6th grade students, with related opportunities for high school students to volunteer as counselors

40. HB 1834 – requires districts to add a new category of excused student absence for mental health reasons

41. HB 1878 – requires participation in the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school meal program

42. HB 1941 – changes the requirements on school safety drills regarding active shooter drills

43. HB 1955 – makes changes to education and other requirements related to students who are the “subject of a dependency proceeding”

44. SB 5252 – requires school boards and certain staff to complete tribal consultation training, every three years

45. SB 5376 – requires school districts to tell parents, students and school employees about the services available through the Office of Education Ombuds

46. SB 5498 – requires districts to issue a high school diploma to a deceased student if the student was academically eligible to graduate and died after completing the 11th grade school year

47. SB 5720 – requires school districts to adopt one or more goals to expand financial education instruction to students

48. SB 5878 – requires school districts with more than 200 enrolled students to offer regular instruction in at least one visual or performing art

SB 5933 – establishes the School Seismic Safety grant program

SB 5974 – master bill that includes school safety transportation programs using Climate Commitment Act funding

Passed in the 2021 session

49. HB 1028 – eliminates the edTPA for paraeducators

50. HB 1085 – requires districts to provide individual health plans for students with epilepsy or other seizure disorders

51. HB 1113 – changes when a district must file a civil action for truancy, and requires community truancy boards

HB 1121 – allows the State Board of Education to waive graduation requirements (COVID impact)

52. HB 1139 – requires sampling and testing for lead in drinking water fixtures at all schools

53. HB 1176 – prohibits districts from withholding grades or a transcript from a student who has unpaid fines or fees

54. HB 1208 – requires districts to use Learning Assistance Program (LAP) according to Washington Integrated Student Support Protocol standards

55. HB 1214 – makes changes to safety and security staff roles and adds annual data reporting to OSPI

HB 1225 – creates school-based health center program for schools

56. HB 1273 – requires school districts to make menstrual hygiene products available at no cost in all bathrooms designed for female students and gender-neutral bathrooms

57. HB 1295 – makes changes for residential schools

58. HB 1296 – requires districts to provide access to world language proficiency tests, ASL proficiency tests and general education development tests for students in or released from an institutional facility

59. HB 1302 – expands College in the High School to 9th grade students, and includes notice requirements

HB 1342 – eliminates lunch copays for students in pre-K through grades 12 (funded)

60. HB 1356 – prohibits the use of Native American names, symbols, or images

61. HB 1363 – requires districts to adopt a policy and procedure for staff mental health in the workplace

HB 1365 – creates a technology grant program administered by OSPI to help districts attain a universal 1:1 student to learning device ratio; expand technical support and training; and develop district-based and school-based capacity to assist students and their families in accessing and using technology to support student learning

HB 1370 – increases the grant and loan amounts for the early learning facilities grant program

62. HB 1373 – requires districts to publish on their website home page information about suicide prevention

63. HB 1426 – requires 25% of training hours for administrator and teacher certificates renewed on or after July 1, 2023 to include certain training requirements

64. SB 5030 – requires districts to develop and implement a written plan for comprehensive school counseling and made changes to how school counselors may be used in a school

65. SB 5044 – requires one state-funded day of professional development to be provided on cultural competency, diversity, equity, and inclusion for all staff, and then every other year thereafter

SB 5128 – allows full transportation funding reimbursement when a school district is providing full remote or partial remote instruction due to a local, state, or national emergency that causes a substantial disruption to full in-person instruction.

66. SB 5184 – requires every school to have a building point of contact for students in the foster care system and requires training for these individuals

SB 5299 – allows a computer science course to be used as the third credit of math or science for graduation purposes

67. SB 5322 – prohibits dual enrollment between the School Employee Benefits Board (SEBB) and the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB)

Passed in the 2020 session

68. HB 1660 – requires that each school district with an ASB to publish and update information on its website, offer or waive fees

69. HB 2455 – requires school districts to provide transportation upon request for “parenting” students for transporting an infant

70. HB 2589 – requires school districts, through existing resources, to print suicide prevention and crisis intervention information on a state or student ID card

71. HB 2660 – requires schools with students at 62.5% or more of students eligible for free and reduced price meals to participate in the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) meal program

72. HB 2731 – requires schools to annually report to the state Department of Health each diagnosed concussion sustained by a student during athletic and other activities

73. HB 2816 – requires districts to adopt or amend policies and procedures to support a positive social and emotional school and classroom climate that meets certain specifications and a framework

74. SB 5395 – requires all districts to offer comprehensive sexual health education

75. SB 6102 – changes the state requirement on school bus arm signs to be a certain measurement

76. SB 6103 – requires new reporting from school districts on the Every Student Succeeds act

77. SB 6141 – requires districts with high schools to hold an annual financial aid advising day

78. SB 6168 – requires school districts to use the equivalent of one day of salary and benefits for each funded FTE CIS to train staff on racial literacy, cultural responsiveness, and stereotype threat

Passed in the 2019 session

79. HB 1216 – requires districts to adopt a policy and procedure to establish a school-based threat assessment programs

80. HB 1257 – requires new school construction to set aside 10% of parking spaces for electric vehicles; imposes the green building standards for all schools, not just new construction

81. HB 1599 – requires districts to provide students who meet or exceed the standard on state assessments in ELA and math to be automatically placed in accelerated courses. Also requires districts to offer to students who did not meet or exceed the standard on ELA or Math with opportunity to access any combination of interventions, supports, etc; requires

learning plans for 8th graders, and other specific requirements. Finally, requires districts to ensure students have access to an electronic High School and Beyond Plan

82. HB 1973 – requires districts to provide to Running Start participating post-secondary institutions documentation of a student’s low-income status

HB 2140 – allows districts to use the Capital Projects Fund for certain facility maintenance activities.

83. HB 2551 – precludes districts from prohibiting students who are members of a federally recognized Indian tribe from wearing traditional tribal regalia or objects of Native American cultural significance at high school graduation ceremonies or related school events.

84. SB 5023 – requires OSPI to make available ethnic studies materials for use in grades 7-12

85. SB 5082 – requires school districts to use one of the professional development days funded by the state to train school staff in social-emotional learning, trauma-informed practices, consideration of adverse childhood experiences, mental health literacy, antibullying strategies, or culturally sustaining practices

86. SB 5088 – requires districts to provide access to an elective computer science course

87. SB 5290 – removes the use of court-ordered detention for student truancy proceedings and changes unexcused absences thresholds

88. SB 5380 – requires every school to maintain at least one set of opioid overdose reversal medication doses at each of its high schools

Passed in the 2018 session

89. HB 1377 – requires districts with more than 2,000 students to allow at least six hours of collaboration time between school counselors, psychologists and social workers to focus on student mental health issues

90. HB 1508 – requires schools with a 70% or higher poverty level to offer Breakfast After the Bell programs

91. HB 1539 – requires curriculum review related to the prevention of sexual abuse of students in grades K-12

HB 1600 – establishes the Work-Integrated Learning Initiative to promote work-integrated learning experiences for students through schools selected to participate in the initiative

92. HB 1896 – requires districts to provide a mandatory 0.5 credit stand-alone course in civics for each high school student

93. HB 2610 – prohibits school staff from taking any action that would publicly identify a student who cannot pay for a school meal or previously served meal

94. HB 2686 – requires districts to add dual credit, information about the College Bound Scholarship, and options for meeting state and local graduation requirements as part of the

High School and Beyond Plan; requires the HSBP to be offered in the student's native language if one of the two more commonly spoken at the district

95. SB 6134 – makes changes to the definitions and funding for Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) courses

96. SB 6136 – removes the requirement for a student to be concurrently enrolled in or have successfully completed Algebra II for AP computer science to be counted as a CTE equivalent to math

97. SB 6162 – requires districts to use evidence-based, multi-tiered systems of support to provide interventions to students in kindergarten through 2nd grade who display indications of or areas of weaknesses associated with dyslexia

98. SB 6362 – Section 105 of the bill requires districts to use multiple objective criteria to identify highly capable students (SB 6362 was the major McCleary 2018 legislation, which made changes to EHB 2242 (2017) regarding basic education funding

99. SB 6388 – extends dates for compliance regarding minimum employment standards for paraeducators

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100. HB 1170 – revises school processes regarding truancy, including changing requirements for parent conferences, assessments, and reporting to OSPI

HB 1445 – creates the K-12 Dual Language grant program

HB 1777 – creates the Early Learning Facilities Grants and Loan program for school districts and other eligible organizations.

101. HB 2224 – revises the high school graduation assessment requirements in science, ELA and math, and provisions governing alternative assessment options; requires a High School and Beyond Plan for each student in the 7th or 8th grade

HB 2242 – makes sweeping changes to school funding to address the Washington Supreme Court's McCleary case.

ⁱ This list was compiled by Marie Sullivan as a resource for her school district clients to be aware of new school year requirements. It is not a commentary on the intended purpose of any legislation enacted.