

## 18.24 Meaningful High School Diploma

*Resolution passed 2008; amended 2013*

**Whereas**, more than 50 percent of community and technical college students who graduated from state high schools in 2010 required remedial classes in math, English or reading; and

**Whereas**, four-year colleges expect students to exceed current minimum requirements in nearly every subject.

**Therefore, be it**

**Resolved**, that Washington State PTA recommends to the legislature that high school requirements should include 24 credits; and be it further

**Resolved**, that all students should be automatically enrolled in the course of study referred to as “Career and College Ready Graduation Requirements” that includes access to English, math, science, social studies, career and technical education, arts and world language; and be it further

**Resolved**, that all students should be required to take a foundation of 18 credits, as follows:

- 4.0 credits of English
- 3.0 credits of math
- 3.0 credits of science
- 3.0 credits of social studies
- 2.0 credits of arts
- 1.5 credits of fitness
- 0.5 credit of health
- 1.0 credit of career and technical education; and be it further

**Resolved**, that all students should be required to take 24 high school graduation requirements, but that students should be given the flexibility to substitute courses beyond the 18 foundational credits so they can tailor a path of instruction according to their High School and Beyond Plan; and be it further

**Resolved**, that these requirements be enacted only if adequate, sustainable, supplemental funding is provided from the state.