

WASL Update

There has been a lot of talk this spring about potential WASL changes. While most of the changes are still in the proposal stage, some changes have been made that affect current students. With the Math and Science WASL coming up, it's important for students to know the requirements.

Freshmen: Freshmen are not eligible to take the WASL this spring. They will take the new version of the state assessment test in spring 2010.

Sophomores: All current sophomores (except for those few who took and passed the WASL as freshmen) ARE required to take the Math WASL April 13 & 14, and the Science WASL April 20 & 21.

Juniors and Seniors: Juniors and seniors do not take the Science WASL. During spring break, our state legislature made important changes that affect current juniors and seniors who have not yet passed the Math WASL. Some juniors and seniors MUST still take the Math WASL next week, and some now have a choice. Juniors and seniors should consider the information below and sign up in TAP or Student Services if they choose to take the Math WASL.

Remember, students who have not passed the Math WASL are required to continue taking and passing math classes until graduation. That requirement has NOT changed. We encourage juniors and seniors to take the Math WASL next week.

Students who MUST take the Math WASL:

- All current sophomores who have not passed the Math WASL.
- Juniors and seniors who lived in Washington and did not take the Math WASL as a freshman or sophomore.
- Students who entered U-High from another state as a junior or senior and did not pass the previous state's math assessment.

These students are already signed up to take the Math WASL.

Students who MAY CHOOSE to take the Math WASL:

- Juniors and seniors who think they can pass the test and want to free up their course options for next year.
- Juniors and seniors who want to take the test as a measure of what they know about math.
- Juniors and seniors who are working toward getting the Certificate of Academic Achievement or Certificate of Individual Achievement designation on their transcript.

These students need to sign up to take the Math WASL.