



MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL

*“creating a fun and challenging learning environment
while demonstrating respect, integrity, and tolerance for all.”*

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FRESHMAN WASL NEWS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are receiving this letter because you have a child in ninth grade. Students must meet four high school graduation requirements. One of those requirements is passing the high school WASL (Washington Assessment of Student Learning) or a state-approved alternative in reading, writing and math. Some ninth-grade students are ready to take and pass these 10th-grade level tests and are given the opportunity to do so. Most students take the high school WASL as 10th graders.

If your ninth-grade student wants to take the high school WASL this spring, here's what you should know:

- Your child should be ready to take and pass the high school WASL. It should not be used as a practice test.
- Your child can register to take one or more of the WASL tests. For example, a student can take reading and writing, but wait until 10th grade to take math.
- Students have five opportunities to take and pass each of the WASL tests (reading, writing and math). Students who test as ninth graders use one of their opportunities.
- Students who pass any WASL test in ninth grade do not have to take that test again.
- All schools follow the same high school WASL testing schedule:
 - **Reading:** March 16-17
 - **Writing:** March 18-19
 - **Math:** April 13-14
 - **Science:** Not available to ninth graders because it's not yet a state graduation requirement.
- You will receive your child's scores in June.

Ninth graders who want to take the spring 2009 high school WASL need to register between Dec. 9, 2008 and Jan. 13, 2009. To register, go to www.k12.wa.us/waslregistration or call (866) 400-WASL (9275). Before registering, you will need your child's student ID (located on their ASB card or available at the office).

If you have Internet access and would like to look at questions that have been on the High School WASL, please visit: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Assessment/WASL/testquestions.aspx>.

Please contact Jill Iwasaki @ 318-2281 if you have any questions about this choice for your child. We're here to help you and want your child to be successful.

Sincerely,

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