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Dear Parents/Guardians

Your child's results from the spring 2009 High School Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) were mailed home in June.

For the graduating classes of 2010-2012, students must pass the reading and writing WASL, a state-approved alternative to the WASL or an assessment for students in special education. Students can meet the state's math requirement by:

- Passing the math WASL, a state-approved alternative or an assessment for students in special education, OR
- Earning two credits of math AFTER 10th grade (Students need to take the WASL at least once before this option is available).

Students who pass the reading, writing and math exams earn a Certificate of Academic Achievement or Certificate of Individual Achievement. Students who fulfill the math requirement by earning math credits do not receive a certificate but are eligible for a diploma if they meet all other state and local requirements.

It is also important to keep in mind that your child needs to meet other state and local graduation requirements:

- Develop a High School and Beyond Plan (completed in certain classes at SHS)
- Earn 22 credits
- Complete a Culminating Project (completed in Senior Government class)
- Complete 8 hours of Community Service in the Senior year

Students who did not pass one or more sections of the WASL can take that test for free from August 10-13 at Glacier Peak High School. Students must register for the August WASL between June 8-26 at www.k12.wa.us/waslregistration or by calling 866-400-WASL (9275) between 8am and 5pm Monday-Friday. Please have your child's State Student Identification (SSID) number, located on the front of the WASL Score Report, available when registering.

To learn more about state testing, including how to view your child's test booklets, please visit <http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/default.aspx>. If you have any questions about your child's score report, please contact your child's counselor.

We know you want your child to succeed in school, and we want to be partners with you to make that happen. We welcome your calls and your visits. We hope you will share any ideas you may have about how we can continue to improve our school.

Sincerely,

Jim Dean, Principal
Glacier Peak High School