

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

180-Day Waivers for the 2024–25 School Year

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the basic education requirements in Washington state, each school district must make a minimum of 180 school days available to students each school year. In addition, school districts must offer a district-wide average of at least 1,027 instructional hours each school year, as prescribed in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.150.220.

In 2018, House Bill 2824 shifted responsibility of certain school waiver applications from the State Board of Education (SBE) to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Under this authority, OSPI may grant certain school day waivers that would assist the school district in implementing a local plan to provide all students an effective education system designed to enhance the educational program for each student. Waiver examples include parent-teacher conference days, professional development days, student transition days, and alternative calendars for specific schools or districts. In addition, OSPI may grant waivers to small school districts from the provisions of RCW 28A.230.010, which requires districts to provide high school students the opportunity to access career and technical statewide equivalency courses.

Under separate authority, OSPI can also grant waivers for emergency school closures related to weather and other unforeseen events.

OSPI is required by RCW 28A.300.760 to report annually to SBE and to the education committees of the Legislature regarding the applications OSPI received for these waivers during the prior school year.

INTRODUCTION

As part of the basic education requirements in Washington state, RCW 28A.150.220 requires each school district to make a minimum of 180 school days available to students each school year. School districts must also provide at least 1,000 annual instructional hours to students in kindergarten through 8th grade, and at least 1,080 annual instructional hours to students in grades 9–12 (a district-wide average of at least 1,027 hours in grades 1–12). School districts receive state apportionment funding based on the number of students who are enrolled in the district for an average of 1,027 instructional hours over 180 school days.

OSPI is authorized to grant waivers from the 180-day school year requirement and, in some instances, the instructional hour requirement. School districts seeking a 180-day school year waiver must submit a request package to OSPI, which includes an application responding to a series of questions, an adopted school board resolution, proposed school year calendar(s), and other information as needed.

Waivers may be granted to school districts for the following purposes:

- School districts may apply for general 180-day waivers ("Regular 180-Day Waiver") to implement a local plan to provide an effective education system for all students in the district designed to improve student achievement by enhancing the educational program district-wide or for individual schools in the district (RCW 28A.300.750). These include waiver requests for the purpose of scheduling:
 - Parent-teacher conference days
 - Professional development
 - Student transition days
- Emergency school closures due to unforeseen natural events, mechanical failures, or actions or inactions by one or more persons, including negligence and threats (RCW 28A.150.290)
- Career and technical education (CTE) course equivalency for small school districts unable to provide students with access to CTE courses (RCW 28A.230.010, RCW 28A.230.015)
- A limited number of districts meeting certain enrollment criteria may propose to operate schools on a flexible calendar for purposes of economy and efficiency (RCW 28A.150.222)

Regular 180-Day School Year Waivers

OSPI may grant Regular 180-Day School Year Waivers to allow districts to implement local plans that "provide for all students in the district an effective education system that is designed to enhance the educational program for each student" (RCW 28A.300.750). The Regular 180-Day Waiver application process is used for pre-planned activities such as professional development,

student transition days, or conducting parent-teacher conferences for more than five days. A waiver request may be granted for up to three consecutive school years.

During the 2024–25 school year, 24 school districts submitted waiver applications for the Regular 180-Day Waiver. OSPI reviewed the applications and concluded that in all but 1 of the 24 applications, the districts demonstrated that they met the required standards adopted by the SBE (WAC 180-18-040, WAC 180-18-050). One was not approved because the district was requesting to waive instruction hours without apparent statutory authority to do so.

Appendix A identifies all school districts with active 180-Day Waivers as of August 1, 2025.

Parent-Teacher Conference Days Waivers

A school district seeking a waiver solely for the purpose of providing five or fewer parent-teacher conference days is not required to follow the application process for Regular 180-Day Waivers (WAC 180-18-050(3)). Instead, the district must provide notification to OSPI at least 30 days prior to implementation of the plan. The district's notification must include a form or letter, an adopted school board resolution, and proposed calendar(s). The waiver can be effective for up to three years.

Under RCW 28A.300.750, OSPI grants the waivers in accordance with criteria adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE). SBE has determined that charter schools and state-tribal education compact schools are not eligible for parent-teacher conference days. In 2023, the Legislature considered Senate Bill 5648 which would have amended RCW 28A.300.750 to explicitly include charter schools and state-tribal education compact schools as those eligible for parent-teacher conference waivers and others that are necessary to implement a local plan to provide an effective education system designed to enhance educational programs for students. The bill passed the Senate, but no action was taken by the House Committee on Education. In 2024, the bill was reintroduced and passed by the Senate. The House Committee on Education held a public hearing but did not take any further action.

During the 2024–25 school year, 57 school districts submitted waiver notifications for the Parent-Teacher Conference Days Waiver. After review by OSPI staff, all applications met the requirements set forth in WAC 180-18-040 and WAC 180-18-050 and were approved.

Appendix B identifies all school districts with an active Parent-Teacher Conference Days Waiver as of August 1, 2025.

Economy and Efficiency Waivers

OSPI may grant waivers to the basic education requirement of a 180-day school year to school districts that propose to operate one or more schools on a flexible calendar for purposes of economy and efficiency (RCW 28A.150.222). School districts still must offer the minimum instructional hours required by RCW 28A.150.220. Waivers may be granted for up to three years.

The criteria for evaluating requests for Economy and Efficiency Waivers are established by the SBE (WAC 180-18-065).

In 2024, the Legislature passed House Bill 2831, modifying RCW 28A.150.222. Prior to this legislation, Economy and Efficiency waivers could only be granted to 10 or fewer school districts with student populations of fewer than 500 students. HB 2831 changed this requirement to allow for up to 30 school districts with student populations of less than 1,000.

During the 2024–25 school year, three school districts with expiring three-year Economy and Efficiency Waivers submitted renewal applications. Six school districts submitted applications for Economy and Efficiency waivers for the first time. After review by OSPI staff, all three renewals and all six new applications were approved, as staff determined that the districts met the SBE's criteria.

Currently, 24 school districts are operating with an Economy and Efficiency Waiver. Those districts are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Economy and Efficiency Waivers

| School District | Waiver Days | Number of Years | Waiver Granted | New or Renewal | Approved Through (School Year) |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Bickleton | 30 | 3 | 3/23/23 | Renewal | 2025-26 |
| Cusick | 30 | 3 | 3/23/23 | Renewal | 2025-26 |
| Inchelium | 29 | 3 | 4/17/24 | Renewal | 2026-27 |
| Mary Walker | 26 | 3 | 6/4/25 | Renewal | 2027-28 |
| Nespelem | 36 | 1 | 6/4/25 | Renewal | 2025-26 |
| Paterson | 34 | 3 | 3/23/23 | Renewal | 2025-26 |
| Pe Ell | 30 | 3 | 6/4/25 | Renewal | 2027-28 |
| Selkirk | 30 | 3 | 3/24/23 | Renewal | 2025-26 |
| Washtucna | 30 | 3 | 5/13/24 | Renewal | 2026–27 |
| Waterville | 30 | 3 | 5/13/24 | Renewal | 2026–27 |
| Columbia | 30 | 3 | 6/28/24 | New | 2026-27 |
| Palisades | 30 | 3 | 6/28/24 | New | 2026-27 |
| Mansfield | 30 | 3 | 6/28/24 | New | 2026-27 |
| Orondo | 26 | 3 | 6/28/24 | New | 2026-27 |
| Wilson Creek | 30 | 2 | 6/28/24 | New | 2025-26 |
| Pateros | 32 | 3 | 6/28/24 | New | 2026-27 |
| North River | 30 | 3 | 6/28/24 | New | 2026-27 |
| Wahkiakum | 34 | 3 | 6/28/24 | New | 2026-27 |

| School District | Waiver Days | Number of Years | Waiver Granted | New or Renewal | Approved Through (School Year) |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Republic | 30 | 3 | 6/4/25 | New | 2027-28 |
| Harrington | 30 | 3 | 6/4/25 | New | 2027-28 |
| Grand Coulee | 30 | 3 | 6/4/25 | New | 2027-28 |
| Finley | 30 | 3 | 6/12/25 | New | 2027-28 |
| Stehekin | 12 | 1 | 6/4/25 | New | 2025-26 |
| Manson | 30 | 3 | 6/4/25 | New | 2027-28 |

Emergency School Closure Waivers

Occasionally, unforeseen emergencies cause temporary school closures because the facilities could be unsafe, unhealthy, inaccessible, or inoperable. Under certain circumstances, school districts may request an Emergency School Closure Waiver from the 180-day school year requirement (RCW 28A.150.290).

School districts seeking an Emergency School Closure Waiver must make a reasonable effort to make-up the missed school days. At a minimum, the district must make up at least three school days. Make-up days can include the use of scheduled vacation days or other previously planned school closure days. Make-up days can also include the extension of the school year to and/or through June 14. However, if a state of emergency proclamation is issued by the governor, districts may meet the "reasonable effort" test by providing at least the district-wide annual average total instruction hour offerings. WAC 392-129-105(3).

Unforeseen emergencies include:

- Natural events (such as fire, flood, explosion, storm, earthquake, epidemic, or volcanic eruption)
- Mechanical failures (disruption of utilities such as heating, lighting, or water)
- Action or inaction by one or more persons (including arson, vandalism, riots, insurrections, bomb threats, bombing)
- Certain unforeseeable construction delays

School closure emergencies do not include:

- Labor dispute between a local education agency's governing body and any employee of the school district
- Construction delays that are foreseeable and reasonably anticipated

During the 2024–25 school year, sixty-eight school districts submitted waiver applications for Emergency School Closures. After review by OSPI staff, sixty-two waiver applications were approved and four applications were not approved, as staff determined that the districts did not meet the requirements set forth in WAC 392-129. Appendix C identifies the school districts that were granted an Emergency School Closure Waiver. (See RCW 28A.159.290, WAC 392-129.)

Career and Technical Education Course Equivalency Waivers

Certain school districts may request a waiver from the provisions of RCW 28A.230.010, which requires districts to provide high school students the opportunity to access state career and technical education (CTE) statewide equivalency courses. Rules for the CTE Course Equivalency Waiver are codified in WAC 180-18-100.

School districts with fewer than 2,000 students may apply for a waiver of up to two years from the provisions of RCW 28A.230.010. To receive a waiver, districts must demonstrate that students enrolled in the district do not have, and cannot be provided, reasonable access to the statewide course equivalencies through high schools, inter-district cooperatives, skill centers or branch or satellite skill centers, or through online learning or Running Start vocational courses.

Certain school districts may request a waiver from the provisions of RCW 28A.230.010, which requires districts to provide high school students the opportunity to access state career and technical education (CTE) statewide equivalency courses. Rules for the CTE Course Equivalency Waiver are codified in WAC 180-18-100.

School districts with fewer than 2,000 students may apply for a waiver of up to two years from the provisions of RCW 28A.230.010. To receive a waiver, districts must demonstrate that students enrolled in the district do not have, and cannot be provided, reasonable access to the statewide course equivalencies through high schools, inter-district cooperatives, skill centers or branch or satellite skill centers, or through online learning or Running Start vocational courses. To provide sufficient notice to students, families, and staff, the application must be submitted to OSPI no later than January 15 of the school year prior to the school year for which the waiver is requested starting with the 2021–22 school year.

For the 2024–25 school year, OSPI did not receive any CTE waivers.

CONCLUSION & NEXT STEPS

Information concerning 180-day School Year Waivers, including links to the waiver applications, can be found on the OSPI website. Also included on the OSPI website is information about CTE waivers, including the waiver application.

APPENDIX A: 180-DAY SCHOOL YEAR WAIVERS

Table 3: School Districts with Active 180-Day School Year Waivers (as of 8-1-2025)

| District | Approved On | Days | Years | Approved Through (School Year) | Purpose of Waiver |
|---|-------------|------|-------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adna | 1/21/25 | 3 | 3 | 2027-2028 | professional development |
| Anacortes | 6/3/25 | 2 | 3 | 2027-2028 | professional development |
| Battle Ground | 6/2/25 | 2 | 1 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Bellingham | 2/19/25 | 3 | 2 | 2026-2027 | professional development |
| Bethel | 2/7/23 | 2 | 3 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Castle Rock (grades 6-9) | 12/17/24 | 1 | 1 | 2024-2025 | professional development |
| Chief Leschi | 10/18/24 | 2 | 1 | 2024-2025 | professional development |
| Columbia | 3/18/25 | 2 | 3 | 2027-2028 | professional development |
| Curlew | 2/24/25 | 2 | 1 | 2024-2025 | professional development |
| Davenport | 7/7/25 | 2 | 3 | 2027-2028 | professional development |
| Dieringer (North Tapps Middle School) | 8/15/23 | 1 | 3 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Granger | 6/9/23 | 1 | 3 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Granite Falls | 9/12/22 | 2 | 3 | 2024-2025 | professional development |
| Lynden | 5/22/23 | 4 | 3 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Marysville (grades 10-12) | 6/18/25 | 1 | 3 | 2027-2028 | Transition day for freshman |
| Meridian | 4/1/24 | 3 | 3 | 2026-2027 | professional development |

| District | Approved On | Days | Years | Approved Through (School Year) | Purpose of Waiver |
|--|-------------|------|-------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Methow Valley | 2/8/23 | 4 | 3 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Moses Lake (Kindergarten: All Schools 7th & 8th Grade: Columbia Middle School & Frontier Middle School 10th -12th Grade: Vanguard Academy) | 9/26/24 | 1 | 1 | 2024-2025 | student transition day |
| Mount Adams | 6/29/23 | 2 | 3 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Mount Baker | 5/15/23 | 2 | 3 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Mukilteo | 4/22/25 | 2 | 3 | 2027-2028 | professional development |
| Napavine | 4/6/23 | 3 | 3 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Okanogan | 4/18/24 | 3 | 2 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Orient | 5/22/23 | 5 | 3 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Raymond | 5/22/23 | 3 | 3 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Reardan Edwall | 3/25/25 | 1 | 3 | 2027-2028 | professional development |
| Riverside | 5/8/25 | 1 | 2 | 2026-2027 | professional development |
| San Juan | 3/20/25 | 1 | 2 | 2026-2027 | professional development |
| Skykomish | 7/15/25 | 3 | 1 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| South Bend | 3/27/24 | 3 | 3 | 2026-2027 | professional development |
| South Whidbey | 4/22/25 | 2 | 1 | 2024-2025 | professional development |
| Spokane (Kindergarten only) | 5/15/22 | 2 | 3 | 2024-2025 | professional development |

| District | Approved On | Days | Years | Approved Through (School Year) | Purpose of Waiver |
|--|-------------|------|-------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Stanwood-Camano (grades 10-12) | 3/25/25 | 1 | 2 | 2026-2027 | Transition day for freshman |
| Sultan | 10/21/24 | 2 | 3 | 2024-2025 | professional development |
| Tacoma (all schools) | 5/22/24 | 2 | 3 | 2026-2027 | staff collaboration, data review, planning |
| Tacoma (IDEA- School of Industrial Design Engineering and Arts) | 8/16/22 | 15 | 3 | 2024-2025 | alternative school calendar |
| Tacoma (SAMI- Science and Math Institute) | 8/16/22 | 15 | 3 | 2024-2025 | alternative school calendar |
| Tacoma (SOTA- School of the Arts) | 8/16/22 | 15 | 3 | 2024-2025 | alternative school calendar |
| Vancouver | 2/27/25 | 1 | 3 | 2027-2028 | professional development |
| Vancouver (grades 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12) | 2/27/25 | 1 | 3 | 2027-2028 | rolling start - transition day |
| White River | 1/20/23 | 3 | 3 | 2025-2026 | professional development |
| Willapa Valley | 4/9/25 | 5 | 3 | 2027-2028 | professional development |
| Winlock | 5/9/25 | 4 | 1 | 2025-2026 | professional development |

APPENDIX B: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS WAIVERS

Table 4: School Districts with Active Parent-Teacher Conference Days Waivers (as of 8/1/2025)

| District | Days | Years | Granted | Approved Through (School Year) |
|--|------|-------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Aberdeen (Aberdeen High School, Harbor Learning Center, and Miller Junior High School) | 4 | 3 | 7/8/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Asotin-Anatone (grades K-8) | 2 | 3 | 11/7/2024 | 2025-2026 |
| Bainbridge Island (grades K-8) | 5 | 3 | 8/8/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Bremerton | 4 | 1 | 5/27/2025 | 2025-2026 |
| Bridgeport | 3 | 3 | 8/12/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| Brinnon | 2 | 2 | 5/13/2025 | 2026-2027 |
| Cascade | 4 | 3 | 6/13/2024 | 2025-2026 |
| Cashmere | 2 | 2 | 2/17/2025 | 2026-2027 |
| Castle Rock (grades K-5) | 3 | 1 | 1/21/2025 | 2025-2026 |
| Central Kitsap | 3 | 3 | 11/6/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Central Valley (3 days for K-8 and 2 days for K-5) | 5 | 1 | 2/21/2025 | 2025-2026 |
| Centralia | 4 | 3 | 9/26/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| Chehalis (grades 1-3) | 1 | 3 | 2/17/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Cheney | 4 | 2 | 4/4/2023 | 2024-2025 |
| Chewelah | 4 | 3 | 5/2/2022 | 2024-2025 |
| Chimacum | 3 | 3 | 2/12/2025 | 2027-2028 |

| District | Days | Years | Granted | Approved Through (School Year) |
|--|------|-------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Clarkston (K-6) | 3 | 3 | 4/19/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| College Place | 2 | 3 | 1/3/2023 | 2024-2025 |
| Columbia | 4 | 3 | 3/18/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Colville | 4 | 3 | 2/8/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Concrete | 4 | 3 | 6/26/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Coupeville | 4 | 3 | 4/3/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Creston | 2 | 1 | 5/6/2025 | 2025-2026 |
| Deer Park | 4 | 3 | 5/7/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| Dieringer (Lake Tapps Elementary & Dieringer Heights Elementary) | 2 | 3 | 8/9/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Dieringer (North Tapps Middle School) | 2 | 3 | 8/9/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Eastmont | 3 | 1 | 1/21/2025 | 2025-2026 |
| Eatonville | 3 | 1 | 10/24/2024 | 2024-2025 |
| Endicott | 2 | 3 | 3/5/2024 | 2025-2026 |
| Entiat | 4 | 3 | 11/9/2022 | 2025-2026 |
| Enumclaw (Transitional Kindergarten) | 5 | 3 | 7/14/2022 | 2024-2025 |
| Ephrata | 2 | 2 | 8/13/2024 | 2025-2026 |
| Everett (Elementary Schools) | 4 | 2 | 10/24/2024 | 2025-2026 |

| District | Days | Years | Granted | Approved Through (School Year) |
|--|------|-------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Everett (Middle Schools) | 2 | 2 | 10/24/2024 | 2025-2026 |
| Federal Way | 4 | 3 | 8/1/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Fife (Elementary and Secondary Schools) | 5 | 3 | 6/24/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Finley | 3 | 3 | 8/15/2022 | 2024-2025 |
| Freeman | 4 | 3 | 8/12/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| Granger | 4 | 3 | 6/20/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Granite Falls | 4 | 3 | 9/12/2022 | 2024-2025 |
| Griffin (Griffin Elementary) | 2 | 1 | 7/7/2025 | 2025-2026 |
| Harrington | 4 | 1 | 9/26/2024 | 2024-2025 |
| Highline (3 days for Elementary and 2 days for Secondary) | 3 | 3 | 4/4/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Issaquah (grades K-5) | 2 | 3 | 3/10/2025 | 2026-2027 |
| Kelso (grades TK- 5) | 3 | 3 | 2/25/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Kettle Falls | 4 | 3 | 7/3/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| La Conner | 2 | 2 | 6/13/2024 | 2025-2026 |
| Lind | 4 | 3 | 12/17/2024 | 2027-2028 |
| Longview (grades K-5) | 2 | 3 | 8/9/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Loon Lake | 4 | 1 | 5/30/2025 | 2025-2026 |

| District | Days | Years | Granted | Approved Through (School Year) |
|---------------------------------|------|-------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mead (Elementary Schools) | 4 | 3 | 3/27/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Medical Lake | 4 | 3 | 11/2/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Methow Valley (Kindergarten) | 1 | 3 | 2/8/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Mt Adams | 4 | 3 | 5/8/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Mukilteo (grades K-5) | 5 | 3 | 6/23/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Newport | 4 | 3 | 3/20/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Nine Mile Falls (grades K-8) | 4 | 1 | 4/9/2025 | 2025-2026 |
| North Franklin | 4 | 3 | 5/8/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| North Thurston (grades 1-5) | 2 | 3 | 7/26/2022 | 2024-2025 |
| Oak Harbor | 4 | 3 | 10/17/2022 | 2025-2026 |
| Ocosta | 4 | 3 | 8/1/2022 | 2024-2025 |
| Okanogan | 4 | 3 | 5/11/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Omak | 4 | 3 | 4/9/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Onalaska | 4 | 3 | 5/13/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Orcas Island | 4 | 3 | 4/4/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Orondo | 5 | 3 | 8/1/2022 | 2024-2025 |
| Oroville | 4 | 3 | 8/15/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Othello (grades K- 8) | 5 | 3 | 12/17/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| Pasco (grades K- 8) | 4 | 1 | 7/8/2025 | 2025-2026 |

| District | Days | Years | Granted | Approved Through (School Year) |
|---|------|-------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Port Townsend (Salish Coast Elementary) | 2 | 3 | 9/7/2022 | 2024-2025 |
| Prosser | 4 | 3 | 8/13/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| Pullman (grades K-8) | 4 | 3 | 6/10/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Reardan Edwall | 4 | 3 | 3/25/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Republic | 5 | 2 | 3/8/2024 | 2024-2025 |
| Richland (grades K-5) | 5 | 3 | 3/8/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| Ritzville | 4 | 3 | 12/17/2024 | 2027-2028 |
| Riverside | 4 | 2 | 5/8/2025 | 2026-2027 |
| Riverview (grades 6-8) | 1 | 3 | 5/8/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Rochester | 3 | 3 | 3/8/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| Seattle (3 days grades K-8 and 1 day grades 9-12) | 3 | 3 | 7/25/2022 | 2024-2025 |
| Selah | 4 | 3 | 4/4/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Sequim | 2 | 3 | 12/19/2023 | 2026-2027 |
| Soap Lake | 4 | 3 | 6/26/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Spokane (4 days for K-6 and 2 days for 6-12) | 4 | 3 | 8/15/2022 | 2024-2025 |
| St. John | 2 | 3 | 3/22/2024 | 2025-2026 |
| Steilacoom (grades K-5) | 2 | 3 | 3/28/2024 | 2026-2027 |

| District | Days | Years | Granted | Approved Through (School Year) |
|---|------|-------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Sultan | 4 | 3 | 11/4/2024 | 2025-2026 |
| Tonasket (Elementary School) | 5 | 3 | 3/27/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| Tonasket (Middle and High School) | 4 | 3 | 3/27/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| Toppenish | 4 | 3 | 3/22/2024 | 2026-2027 |
| Toutle Lake | 3 | 1 | 6/10/2025 | 2025-2026 |
| Tumwater (grades 1-5) | 2 | 1 | 6/10/2025 | 2025-2026 |
| Valley | 4 | 3 | 4/4/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Vancouver (1 day elementary only; 1 day all students; 1 day secondary only) | 2 | 3 | 5/24/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Vashon Island | 5 | 3 | 6/2/2025 | 2027-2028 |
| Waitsburg | 2 | 3 | 5/10/2023 | 2025-2026 |
| Walla Walla | 2 | 2 | 2/27/2024 | 2025-2026 |
| Wapato –(grades 6-12) | 2 | 2 | 4/1/2025 | 2026-2027 |
| Wapato – (grades K-5) | 4 | 2 | 4/1/2025 | 2026-2027 |
| Wenatchee | 4 | 1 | 9/26/2024 | 2024-2025 |
| West Valley (Spokane) Elementary and Middle School | 4 | 3 | 4/2/2024 | 2026-2027 |

| District | Days | Years | Granted | Approved Through (School Year) |
|----------|------|-------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Wilbur | 2 | 1 | 5/6/2025 | 2025-2026 |
| Winlock | 2 | 1 | 5/8/2025 | 2025-2026 |
| Zillah | 4 | 3 | 11/9/2022 | 2025-2026 |

APPENDIX C: EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE WAIVERS

Table 5: School Districts Granted an Emergency School Closure Waiver for 2024–25 School Year

| District | Days Waived | Cause | Approved |
|---|----------------|---|-----------|
| Aberdeen Robert Gray Elementary School | 1 | Power Outage | 6/3/2025 |
| Bainbridge | 2 | November closure was a power outage caused by a windstorm. February closures due to winter weather and hazardous road conditions. | 5/5/2025 |
| Bainbridge Bainbridge High School, Commodore Options School, and Blakely Elementary. | 1 | Winter weather and hazardous road conditions. | 5/5/2025 |
| Bellevue Ardmore Elementary, Bennett Elementary, Big Picture School, Newport High School, and Sammamish High School | 1 | Inclement weather | 5/27/2025 |
| Bellevue Lake Hills Elementary | 1 | Insect Infestation | 6/10/2025 |

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| Blaine | 1 | Inclement Weather | 4/9/2025 |
| Carbonado | 1 | Power Outage | 2/25/2025 |
| Central Kitsap | 2 | Inclement Weather | 4/21/2025 |
| Chief Kitsap Academy | 1 | Inclement Weather/power outage | 5/13/2025 |
| Edmonds Lynnwood High School | 2 | Power Outage | 5/27/2025 |
| Edmonds Brier Terrace Middle School and Madrona K-8 | 1 | Power Outage | 5/27/2025 |
| Edmonds Scriber Lake High School, Edmonds Heights K-12, and Edmonds eLearning Academy | 1 | Power Outage | 5/27/2025 |
| Enumclaw Byron Kibler Elementary and The Birth to Five Center | 1 | Power Outage | 1/8/2025 |
| Everett Monroe Elementary | 1 | Power Outage | 2/17/2025 |
| Evergreen Emerald Elementary School | 1 | Broken pipe - Flooding | 5/6/2025 |
| Federal Way Decatur High School and Lakota Middle School | 1 | Power outage | 6/23/2025 |
| Federal Way Adelaide Elem, Green Gables Elem, Lake Doloff Elem, Lake Grove Elem, Wildwood Elem, Nautilus K-8, Illahee Middle School, Kilo Middle School, and Sacajawea Middle School | 1 | Power Outage | 6/23/2025 |
| Federal Way Decatur High School | 1 | Power Outage | 6/23/2025 |
| Franklin Pierce | 1 | Emergency outage of all systems | 6/12/2025 |

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| Highline Madrona Elementary | 1 | Power Outage | 2/19/2025 |
| Highline Sylvester Middle School | 1 | Power Outage | 2/19/2025 |
| Highline Marvista Elementary and Pacific Middle School | 1 | Power outage | 5/8/2025 |
| lssaquah | 2 | Inclement Weather | 4/17/2025 |
| Issaquah Beaver Lake Middle School, Cascade Ridge Elementary School, Challenger Elementary School, Endeavor Elementary School, Newcastle Elementary School | 1 | Windstorm caused power outage. | 4/22/2025 |
| Kent | 3 | Bomb cyclone storm | 4/9/2025 |
| Kettle Falls Kettle Falls Elementary | 4 | Summer building restoration project delayed causing no power. | 9/30/2024 |
| Lake Washington Rockwell Elementary | 1 | Loss of electrical power | 5/13/2025 |
| Lake Washington Audubon Elementary, Mead Elementary, and Rush Elementary | 1 | Bomb Cyclone event causing widespread loss of electrical power | 5/13/2025 |
| Lake Washington Franklin Elementary | 1 | Loss of electrical power | 5/13/2025 |
| Lake Washington Blackwell Elementary, Carson Elementary, Dickinson Elementary, Ella Baker Elementary, Explorer Comm. School, McAuliffe Elementary, Mead Elementary, Rosa Parks Elementary, Smith Elementary, Wilder Elementary, Evergreen Middle School, Inglewood Middle School, | 1 | Snowstorm, freezing temperatures, dangerous road conditions | 5/13/2025 |

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| Renaissance School, Timberline Middle School, Eastlake High School, and Telsa STEM High School | | | |
| Lake Washington Alcott Elementary, Dickinson Elementary Discovery Comm School, Ella Baker Elementary, Explorer Comm School, McAuliffe Elementary, Rosa Parks Elementary, Sandburg Elementary Evergreen Middle School, Timberline MS Telsa STEM High School | 1 | Loss of electrical power | 5/13/25 |
| Lake Washington Lake Washington High School | 1 | Security threat | 5/13/2025 |
| Marysville Sunnyside Elementary | 1 | Power Outage | 2/19/2025 |
| Mercer Island | 1 | Inclement Weather | 5/5/2025 |
| Monroe Monroe High School and Leaders in Learning High School | 1 | Fire | 12/17/2024 |
| Moses Lake Groff Elementary | 10 | Electrical Issues | 6/9/2025 |
| Muckleshoot Tribal School | 2 | Power Outage | 2/21/2025 |
| Naselle-Grays River Valley | 2 | Inclement Weather | 4/9/2025 |
| North Kitsap Poulsbo Middle School | 1 | HVAC not working | 1/21/2025 |
| North Kitsap Richard Gordon Elementary | 2 | Power Outage | 1/21/2025 |
| Northshore | 2 | Bomb cyclone storm | 4/9/2025 |
| Ocean Beach Ocean Park Elementary | 4 | Fire in Building | 6/24/2025 |
| Orting Orting Middle School | 1 | Power Outage | 2/3/2025 |

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| Puyallup Shaw Road Elementary | 1 | Power outage | 5/13/2025 |
| Riverview | 1 | Power Outage and hazardous Road Conditions | 3/20/2025 |
| Seattle Garfield High School | 2 | School shooting | 9/30/2024 |
| Seattle James Baldwin, Cedar Park, Decatur, Hazel Wolf, Jane Addams, Middle College, Olympic Hills, Rainier View, Sacajawea, Sanislo, Thornton Creek, View Ridge, Wedgwood, and Nathan Hale | 1 | Power Outage | 7/28/25 |
| Seattle Nathan Hale and Wedgwood | 1 | Power Outage, inclement weather | 7/28/2025 |
| Seattle Whitman | 1 | Power Outage | 7/28/2025 |
| Seattle Catharine Blaine | 1 | No Heat | 7/28/2025 |
| Seattle Olympic Hills Elementary | 2 | Inclement weather | 7/28/2025 |
| Shoreline Briarcrest and Meridian Park Elementary | 1 | Broken water pipe due to freezing temps | 10/1/2024 |
| Shoreline Kellogg Middle School and Shorecrest High School | 1 | Student threat | 10/1/2024 |
| Shoreline Brookside Elementary | 2 | Power Outage | 2/3/2025 |
| Shoreline | 1 | Power Outage, inclement weather | 3/20/2025 |
| Snoqualmie North Bend Elementary School | 1 | Power Outage | 5/8/2025 |

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| Snoqualmie Fall City Elementary | 2 | Power Outage | 5/8/2025 |
| Tahoma Tahoma Middle School | 1 | Power Outage | 12/18/2024 |
| Tahoma | 1 | Bomb Cyclone | 4/24/2025 |
| Vancouver Gaiser Middle School only | 1 | Power Outage | 3/20/2025 |
| Yelm Prairie Elementary | 1 | Power Outage | 5/8/2025 |
| Yelm Lackamas Elementary | 2 | Power Outage | 5/8/2025 |

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