

Old Capitol Building
PO Box 47200
Olympia, WA 98504-7200

ospi.k12.wa.us



Washington Office of Superintendent of
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Chris Reykdal, Superintendent

March 13, 2026

Action Required

Due date: May 8, 2026

Informational

BULLETIN NO. 007-26 TEACHING, LEARNING, AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
High School Principals
High School Counselors

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Washington State Honors Award Nominations

CONTACT: Tony May, Program Specialist III
360-972-5973, tony.may@k12.wa.us

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

This bulletin provides instructions to assist high schools in identifying students who qualify for the 2026 Washington State Honors Award from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

The Washington State Honors Award Program was established to promote academic achievement among high school students enrolled in public and approved private schools by recognizing outstanding academic achievement of graduating seniors.

The top 10% of Washington's eligible graduating seniors will receive an award. The identification of eligible students is determined by a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) and the demonstration of academic achievement in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics assessments which can include the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), the American College Test (ACT), the statewide ELA and mathematics assessments, and local assessments. To receive an award, a student must also have completed at least 75% of the credits required for graduation and be enrolled in at least three academic core subjects in grade 12.

PROCESS

The Washington State Honors Award recipients will be identified by high school staff and then submitted to OSPI via the [2026 Washington State Honors Award Submission Survey](#).

Please refer to Attachment A: *Honors Award Identification Instructions* for the steps to identify eligible students. Schools will need to submit this survey by May 8 for students to be officially awarded.

Thank you for your assistance with this process. OSPI will email the Honors Award certificate, along with further instructions, to each high school that has 2026 Washington State Honors Award recipients after the identification window has closed, no later than May 15.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Tony May, Program Specialist III, at 360-972-5973 or email tony.may@k12.wa.us. The OSPI [Telecommunication Relay Services](#) number is 711 or 1-800-833-6384.

This bulletin is also available on the [Bulletins](#) page of the OSPI website.

Susan Lathrop
Chief Education Officer

Andra Kelley-Batstone
Assistant Superintendent
Teaching, Learning, & School Improvement

Barbara Soots
Assistant Director
Open Education and Instructional Materials

CR:tm

Attachment A: Honors Award Identification Instructions

OSPI provides equal access to all programs and services without discrimination based on sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Questions and complaints of alleged discrimination should be directed to the Equity and Civil Rights Director at 360-725-6162/Telecommunication Relay Services: 711 or 1-800-833-6384; or P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200; or equity@k12.wa.us.