

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0039

High school graduation requirements.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Teeters and Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to high school graduation requirements;  
2 modifying high school graduation standards imposed by the  
3 state board of education; accordingly modifying the success  
4 curriculum required for Hathaway opportunity and  
5 provisional opportunity scholarship program eligibility;  
6 and providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii)(intro), (B) and (C)  
11 and 21-16-1307(d)(iii), (e)(i) and by creating a new  
12 paragraph (iii) are amended to read:

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14 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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16 (a) The state board of education shall:

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1           (iii) By rule and regulation and in consultation  
2 and coordination with local school districts, prescribe  
3 uniform student content and performance standards for the  
4 common core of knowledge and the common core of skills  
5 specified under W.S. 21-9-101(b), and promulgate uniform  
6 standards for programs addressing the special needs of  
7 student populations specified under W.S. 21-9-101(c) that  
8 ensure these student populations are provided the  
9 opportunity to learn the common core of knowledge and  
10 skills as prescribed by the uniform student content and  
11 performance standards pursuant to this paragraph. Student  
12 content and performance standards prescribed under this  
13 paragraph shall include standards for graduation from any  
14 high school within any school district of this state and  
15 shall describe required performance levels in order to  
16 achieve proficiency of the common core of knowledge and  
17 common core of skills prescribed under W.S. 21-9-101(b).  
18 The ability to prescribe content and performance standards  
19 shall not be construed to give the state board of education  
20 the authority to prescribe textbooks or curriculum which  
21 the state board is hereby forbidden to do. Graduation  
22 standards imposed under this paragraph shall require the  
23 successful completion of the following components, as

1 evidenced by passing grades or by the successful  
2 performance on competency-based equivalency examinations:

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4 (B) Three (3) school years of mathematics,  
5 and effective for school year 2013-2014 and each school  
6 year thereafter, four (4) years of mathematics;

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8 (C) Three (3) school years of science, and  
9 effective for school year 2013-2014 and each school year  
10 thereafter, four (4) years of science; and

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12 **21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

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14 (d) The success curriculum required to qualify for  
15 opportunity scholarship eligibility under this article for  
16 students graduating from high school in the 2010-2011  
17 school year and each school year thereafter shall be as  
18 follows:

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20 (iii) Science - four (4) years of science in  
21 grades nine (9) through twelve (12), three (3) of which  
22 shall satisfy high school graduation requirements under  
23 W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii)(C). Effective school year 2013-2014  
24 and each school year thereafter, all four (4) years of

1 science shall satisfy high school graduation requirements  
2 imposed by the state board under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii)(C);

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4 (e) The success curriculum required to qualify for  
5 provisional opportunity scholarship eligibility under this  
6 article for students graduating from high school in the  
7 2010-2011 school year and each school year thereafter shall  
8 be the curriculum required for high school graduation under  
9 W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii) subject to the following:

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11 (i) Except as provided by paragraph (iii) of  
12 this subsection, two (2) of the three (3) years of  
13 mathematics required under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii)(B) shall  
14 consist of at least two (2) years of those courses  
15 specified in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this  
16 paragraph:

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18 (iii) Effective school year 2013-2014 and each  
19 school year thereafter, three (3) of the four (4) years of  
20 mathematics shall consist of three (3) years of those  
21 courses specified in subparagraphs (i)(A) through (C) of  
22 this subsection.

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1           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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