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BULLETIN NO. 001-20 System and School Improvement

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

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Requesting a High School Diploma from a Community College Upon Completion  
of a Two-year Degree

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## **PURPOSE/BACKGROUND**

The passage of [HB 1714](#) allows any student between the ages of 16 and 21 who completes an Associate of Arts, Technical Arts, Applied Science or Science degree to obtain a high school diploma by written request to the College.

Prior to the passage of HB 1714 only students who earned an Associate of Arts, Technical Arts, Applied Science or Science degree funded through Running Start were able to obtain a high school diploma by written request to the College.

Students who are funded through Open Doors and complete an associate degree will now have the same opportunity to request a diploma as other students who complete associate degrees. Students who request their diploma from the community college may be recorded as graduates in the same manner as students who earn their diploma from a college through completion of an associate degree through Running Start.

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Laurie Shannon, Graduation, Reengagement and School Improvement Program Supervisor, at 360-725-4472 or email [laurie.shannon@k12.wa.us](mailto:laurie.shannon@k12.wa.us). The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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