


Region 2-Participation Requirements & Strategies to Strengthen WorkFirst Participation Rate

WorkFirst Participant/Caregivers	Washington WorkFirst Participation Policy Standard			 Strengthened Participation State Requirements	Federal Participation Requirements
	Core Activity Requirements	Core/Non-Core Activity Requirements	Total WF Participation Requirements		
1. Each participant	20 hrs/wk	12-20 hrs/wk	32-40 hrs/wk	35 hrs/wk (at least 23 hrs core)	30 hrs/wk with 20 hrs/core
2. Recipient participants in a two-parent household who qualify for the two-parent options (see 1.2.3 in the WFHB)	30 hrs/wk	5 hrs/wk	35 hrs/wk	38 hrs/wk (at least 33 hrs core)	Combined hours of both parents 35 hrs/wk with 30 hrs/core
3. Single parent/caregiver with a child under 6	20 hrs/wk	None (additional hours are voluntary)	20 hrs/wk	23 hrs/wk (at least 23 hrs core)	20 hrs/wk core
4. Participants claiming the Infant or Infant Exemption Extension or Pregnant in 3 rd Trimester	None	None	None (exempt)	None Encourage voluntary participation	IE is a disregard for 365 days on the WPR.
5. Teen head of households (age 18 or 19 years of age) that don't have a High School Diploma or GED	None	Participate in HS, as per school requirements to progress towards graduation	Based on school requirement but can be a minimum of 1 hr/wk	None Encourage progress and accountability for participating and providing actual hours verification each month.	Maintaining satisfactory attendance in a secondary school or the equivalent.
6. Unmarried pregnant or parenting minors (age 17 and younger); except between infant's birth and turning 12 weeks old	None	Participate in HS, as per school requirements to progress towards graduation	Based on school requirement but can be a minimum of 1 hr/wk	None Encourage progress and accountability for participating and providing actual hours verification each month.	Maintaining satisfactory attendance in a secondary school or the equivalent