



IKF-2025 – GRADUATION AND DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

The graduation, diploma and certificate requirements specified in this policy shall apply to students who enter the 9th grade for the first time in the

Colorado State Board of Education has adopted state graduation guidelines that identify college and career readiness measures in Reading, Writing, and Communicating, and Mathematics, along with qualifying cut scores and criteria. The District has selected its own measures from these state-adopted graduation guidelines. Students must meet or exceed the cut scores or criteria on one Reading, Writing, and Communicating measure and one Mathematics measure or complete a College or Career Readiness measure from the approved measures listed below.

List of Approved College and Career Readiness Measures:

Accuplacer assessment

SAT assessment

ACT assessment	Concurrent Enrollment Course
ACT WorkKeys assessment	District Capstone measure
Advanced Placement assessment	Industry Certificate measure
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Battery) assessment	International Baccalaureate assessment

Additional Coursework	85
Total	240

PSD RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL CREDITS

The District recommends that students and families consider completing additional credits in the following discipline/areas. These credits shall not impede a student from earning their high school diploma if they are not completed.

Discipline/Area	Credit	
World Language	10 – 30	To include skills in world languages. <i>(Note: Credit recommendations vary based on postsecondary goals.)</i>
Health Curriculum	5	To include skills in mental, social, and emotional wellness and decision-making skills to avoid Drug use, bullying, and dating violence. <i>(Note: Wellness credit will be awarded for any course meeting the skills listed above.)</i>
Geography	10	To include skills to analyze characteristics of places and regions, the changing nature among geographic and human interactions, movement, spatial patterns, systems and their connections.
Humanities	5	To include the cross-curricular study of literature, history, philosophy and comparative religion, visual and performing arts, and cultures.
Economics	5	To include skills in micro and/or macro-economics.

Note: Students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program fulfill graduation requirements through the prescribed IB course of study that may not match certain courses above; however, standards will meet or exceed those outlined above.

GRADUATION COURSES TAUGHT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

To receive credit for an approved course taken prior to 9th grade, a student must receive a passing grade in the course. Approved courses are published in the administrative guidelines for implementing this policy.

Language Arts, World Language, or other graduation requirements. Additionally, immigrant students with no formal prior transcript will have access to an equitable credit process to give them credit for prior learning and studies.

WAIVERS OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Schools may seek a waiver for graduation requirements for students in their senior year based on administrative guidelines and/or procedures established and maintained by the Assistant Superintendents' Office.

Students with Disabilities

The student's IEP team may seek a waiver for a given graduation requirement if it is determined to be in the best educational interest of the student or if required in order to provide the student with a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

For students with disabilities, a waiver must be approved by the assistant superintendent or designee and the student's IEP team. All student waivers will be recorded in a student's permanent special education file.

ENDORSEMENT CATEGORIES

Poudre School District endorsements align with the Colorado Department of Education's endorsement categories and requirements.

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CROSS REFERENCES:

IKC, Grade Point Averages/Class Ranking
IKFB, Graduation Exercises