

Graduation Requirements

High school students must fulfill three requirements to receive a high school diploma. These requirements, set by the Washington State Board of Education and the Central Valley School District Board of Directors, help ensure graduates have a solid foundation of skills and knowledge to be prepared for the next steps in life. The transcript indicates whether the student has met standards for the High School and Beyond Plan and the required state assessments. Neither the state assessment scores nor the student's CAA/CIA status appear on the diploma or transcript.

1. High School and Beyond Plan:

Students develop a plan for meeting the high school graduation requirements and for connecting successfully to their next steps in life. A student's plan should include the classes needed in preparation for a two- or four-year college, a vocational or technical school, a certificate program, or the workforce. This plan is updated each year in advisory.

2. Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA) or Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA):

The certificates tell families, schools, businesses, and colleges that an individual student has mastered a minimum set of skills by graduation. Students earn the Certificate of Academic Achievement by meeting applicable standards on the required state assessment tests or through one of the Certificate of Academic Achievement Options (state-approved alternatives). Students in special education programs can earn the Certificate of Individual Achievement by demonstrating their skills through a portfolio or an alternative assessment that meets the requirements of their IEP.

3. Credit Requirements:

Students pass a required number of classes and earn credits in language arts, math, science, social studies, health and fitness, visual or performing arts, career and technical education, and electives.

Grad Req Code	Subject Area	2019-2020 Credits Required for Graduation	2021-2022 Credits Required for Graduation	Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12	
				S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2
LA	Language Arts (grades 9-12)	4.0	4.0								
MA	Mathematics										
	• Algebra 1A & 1B (grade 9)	1.0	1.0								
	• Geometry A & B (grade 10)	1.0	1.0								
	• Algebra 2A & 2B or alternative (grade 11)	1.0	1.0								
SC	Science	2.0 * ₁ lab SC	3.0 * ₂ lab SC								
SS	Social Studies										
WH	• World History (grade 10)	1.0	1.0								
US	• US History 1 & 2 (grade 11)	1.0	1.0								
CW	• Current World Problems (grade 12)	0.5	0.5								
CI	• Civics (grade 12)	0.5	0.5								
HF	Health & Fitness										
	• Health & Physical Wellness (grade 9)	0.5	0.5								
	• Health & Fitness (grade 9-12)	1.5	1.5								
WL	World Languages		2.0								
FA	Fine Arts (Visual, Theater, Music)	1.0	2.0								
CT	Career & Technical Education (CTE)	1.0	1.0								
EL	Electives	7.0	4.0								
	Advisory <small>(No credit; indicate grade earned each semester)</small>										
	TOTAL	23	24								

For classes of 2021 and 2022:

*PPR = Personalized Pathway Requirements: Three locally-determined courses that lead to a specific post-high school career outcome chosen by the student, based on the student's interest and High School & Beyond Plan.