

Graduation Requirements

— Effective with the graduating class of 2015 —

Effective with the graduating class of **2015**, graduation from a Pueblo School District No. 60 high school requires a completion of a **minimum** of twenty-four credits. All prescribed requirements set forth by the State of Colorado Department of Education and Pueblo School District No. 60 Board of Education must be completed prior to the student participating in a graduation exercise.

Graduation requirements are designed to give each student a well-balanced and comprehensive high school education. Classes, when carefully selected, will help students explore their own interests and develop their abilities. In planning a course of study, students should consider the following:

1. Before selecting a course, students should read the course description to be sure it fits their needs, interests, and abilities and supports their plans after high school.
2. College entrance requirements and/or career and technical plans for the future should be considered in selecting courses.

| COURSE REQUIREMENTS | Diploma | Diploma <u>With</u> Advanced Academic Endorsement* | Diploma <u>With</u> Career & Technical Endorsement |
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| MATHEMATICS – <i>Required enrollment each year.</i> | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Algebra 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Geometry | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Algebra II / Trigonometry | 1 | 1 | |
| Math course(s) | 1 | 1 | 2 (<i>Curriculum may be embedded</i>) |
| LANGUAGE ARTS* – <i>Required enrollment each year.</i> | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 2 years must emphasize writing, grammar, and composition skills | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Language Arts courses | 2 | 2 | 2 (<i>Curriculum may be embedded</i>) |
| SCIENCE* | 3 | 4 Required enrollment each year. | 4 Required enrollment each year. |
| Natural/Physical Science (<i>2 years lab-based</i>) | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Science courses | 1 | 2 | 2 (<i>Curriculum may be embedded</i>) |
| SOCIAL STUDIES* | 3 | 4 Required enrollment each year. | 4 Required enrollment each year. |
| US History | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Social Studies courses | 2 | 3 | 3 (<i>Curriculum may be embedded</i>) |
| PHYSICAL** AND HEALTH EDUCATION*** | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| FOREIGN LANGUAGE* | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 |
| ARTS / ELECTIVES | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| CAREER & TECHNICAL ED (Sequenced program of study) | — | — | 3 |
| INTER SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY Non-credit requirement (Linked to Seminar courses) (Community Service, Club, or Service Learning approved project) | 20 hours per year | 20 hours per year | 20 hours per year |
| TOTAL CREDITS | 24 | 24 | 24 |

* Course offerings shall meet the CCHE course criteria for pre-collegiate requirement(s)..

** A waiver of requirement for one-half PE credit may be granted for participation in an entire season of any interscholastic sport included in the district athletic program. The designated one-half credit would then be added to the elective credits.

*** A waiver of requirement for one-half Health credit may be granted, by the principal, upon written request by the parent or guardian. The request shall be specific to religious beliefs and/or content contrary to parent or guardian beliefs (refer to Policy IMBB-R(3)). The designated one-half credit would then be added to the elective credits.

Pueblo City Schools Board of Education reserves the right to change the requirements for graduation.

In the event that the Board of Education changes graduation requirements, students and parents will be notified.
