

# Graduation Requirements

— Effective with the graduating class of 2021 —

Effective with the graduating class of **2021**, 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.

To receive a Pueblo City Schools high school diploma, students must meet the minimum course requirements.

- **Career Plus** - intended for students with goals and plans to obtain a 4-year or advanced
- **Career Options** - intended for students with goals and plans to obtain a 2- or 4-year degree or professional certification
- **Career Now** - intended for students who have specific academic requirements and need additional guidance for their course of study; students may earn a professional certificate upon graduation

*Staff, parents/guardians, students must reference High School Course Description Guide to identify courses in each Plan of Course Study.*

<b>Career Plus Avenue Plan of Course Study</b> <i>Course choices are based on university admission requirements</i>	<b>Career Options Avenue Plan of Course Study</b> <i>Courses choices are based on university admission requirements OR PWR goals listed in student ICAP</i>	<b>Career Now Avenue Plan of Course Study</b> <i>Course choices are based on PWR goals listed in student ICAP</i>
<p><b>4 Credits English Language Arts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freshmen Literature &amp; Composition</li> <li>• Sophomore Literature &amp; Composition</li> <li>• 2 English Language Arts – Choice</li> </ul> <p><b>3 Credits Math</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra I</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II <i>or</i> Trigonometry/Statistics</li> </ul> <p><b>3 Credits Social Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. History II or comparable approved course</li> <li>• American Gov't/Economics or comparable approved course</li> <li>• Social Studies Choice</li> </ul> <p><b>3 Credits Science (2 lab-based)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical science content</li> <li>• Earth science content</li> <li>• Life science content</li> </ul> <p><b>1 Credit Physical Education/Health*</b></p> <p><b>2 Credits World Language*</b></p> <p><b>7 Credits Electives**</b></p> <p><b>1 Credit Demonstration of Competency***</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment Option <i>OR</i> Performance Option</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Involvement Hours</b> <i>5 hours per year = 20 hours total for graduation – hours relevant to Career Cluster in ICAP</i></p>	<p><b>4 Credits English Language Arts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freshmen Literature &amp; Composition</li> <li>• Sophomore Literature &amp; Composition</li> <li>• 2 English Language Arts – Choice</li> </ul> <p><b>3 Credits Math</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra content</li> <li>• Geometry content</li> <li>• Math Choice</li> </ul> <p><b>2 Credits Social Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. History II or comparable approved course</li> <li>• American Gov't/Economics or comparable approved course</li> </ul> <p><b>2 Credits Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science – Choice                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ credits to include physical, earth and life sciences</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>1 Credit Physical Education/Health*</b></p> <p><b>11 Credits Electives**</b></p> <p><b>1 Credit Demonstration of Competency****</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment Option <i>OR</i> Performance Option</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Involvement Hours</b> <i>5 hours per year = 20 hours total for graduation – hours relevant to Career Cluster in ICAP</i></p>	<p><b>4 Credits English Language Arts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freshmen Literature &amp; Composition</li> <li>• 3 Language Arts – Choice</li> </ul> <p><b>3 Credits Math</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math – Choice                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ 2 credits to include algebra and geometry content</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>2 Credits Social Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. History II</li> <li>• American Gov't/Economics</li> </ul> <p><b>2 Credits Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science – Choice                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ credits to include physical, earth and life sciences</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>1 Credit Physical Education/Health*</b></p> <p><b>11 Credits Electives**</b></p> <p><b>1 Credit Demonstration of Competency***</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment Option <i>OR</i> Performance Option</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Involvement Hours</b> <i>5 hours per year = 20 hours total for graduation – hours relevant to Career Cluster in ICAP</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Career Now Avenue is by team recommendation only. Specific aspects of this avenue must be approved by a school support team, parents and/or guardians, and students</i></p>
<p><b>24 Total Credits Required for Graduation</b></p>	<p><b>24 Total Credits Required for Graduation</b></p>	<p><b>24 Total Credits Required for Graduation</b></p>

\* **Waiver of Requirements:** one-half PE credit may be waived 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. One World Language credit may be waived based on specific university admission requirements.

\*\* **Elective Credits:** Specific credits may be necessary for college/university admission requirements; please talk to counselors. Any course taken beyond the recommended number of credits in each Plan of Course Study will count toward elective credit.

\*\*\* **Demonstration of Competency:** Please see the Menu of Options for Demonstration of Competency for specifications, explanations, and examples.

**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.