



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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9th Grade

What it Takes to Graduate from High School

Getting into college starts with graduating from high school. However, depending on the type of school you want to attend, it is important to know what types of classes to take, the grades necessary, and any other additional requirements beyond what's required for high school graduation. Here is the basics:

Degree Type	High School Graduation & Community Colleges	4-Year Public Universities in Washington	Selective 4-Year Private Colleges & Universities
# of Credits	4 English 3 Math (Algebra 1 & above) 2 Science (1 lab) 3 Social Science 1 Arts 2 Health & Fitness 1 Occupational Education 4 Electives	4 English 3 Math (Algebra 1, & above plus senior year math-based quantitative course) 2 Science (2 labs) 3 Social Science 2 World Language 1 Arts	4 English 3-4 Math (Algebra 1 & above to pre-calculus or statistics) 3-4 Science (labs recommended) 3-4 Social Science (including U.S. History) 3-4 World Language + Arts & Challenging Electives
Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – High School and Beyond Plan – Washington State History – State Assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – High school graduation or equivalency – Minimum 2.75-3.00 GPA – No D's or F's in classes – SAT or ACT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – High school graduation or equivalency – Competitive GPA – Mostly A's and B's – SAT, ACT, or portfolio of work (usually)
Recommended		Additional coursework and other factors may increase likelihood of admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Honors, AP, IB or college credit courses when available – Extracurriculars or special achievement

NOTE: Districts may have local requirements. Students and parents should check with school counselors for additional requirements for graduation.

Sources: [The Washington State Board of Education](#) & [The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction](#)

Did You Know?

Students who take challenging or **rigorous** courses in high school are more likely to succeed in college.

Source: [Reclaiming the American Dream](#)



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Myth Buster

MYTH: Taking the easiest courses the high school offers will boost your GPA and help you get into college.

REALITY:

College admissions officers understand the difference between an A in an easy class and a B in a more challenging class.

The most rigorous or challenging courses offered in a typical high school are honors and Advanced Placement or AP classes. In general, it is better to take advanced courses and work hard than take easy classes and put in little effort.

There is a **big difference** between meeting high school graduation requirements and taking classes that colleges expect to see on your transcript. Be sure to check out the colleges in Naviance that you are considering and check the requirements.

Source: [NS College Consulting](#)

Student Checklist

- ☐ **Create/update your 4-year plan** using the **Course Planner** tool in Naviance to see how many credits you have and plan your future classes.

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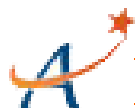
- ☐ **Use SuperMatch** Naviance to explore college options and personalize your search!

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Family Checklist

- ☐ **Talk with your student about the importance of coursework and activities** for next year.
- ☐ Use the **Course Planner** tool in Naviance to plan the remaining years in high school.
- ☐ If you are unsure out planning courses or want to discuss post-secondary options, set up a meeting with the school counselor and/or Career and College Specialists.



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