



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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