

GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS VS. COLLEGE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Seattle Public Schools requires that students complete a minimum of 20 or 21 credits to graduate, depending on their graduation year. Some high schools require that students earn credits beyond this minimum. Check with your high school counselor to confirm graduation requirements for your school.

Remember, you aren't taking classes just to get out of high school. You are also preparing for your life after high school. Regardless of which direction you pursue (going into the military, attending a trade school, certificate program, community college or a four-year public or private university), the classes below will help you prepare for success. These requirements are only the minimum for graduation, so push yourself to be academically competitive.

Subject	Minimum Seattle School District graduation requirements	Minimum graduation requirements for your school	Minimum requirements for public, four-year colleges and universities ¹	Recommended courses for highly selective colleges and universities ¹	Recommended courses for two-year colleges
ENGLISH / LANGUAGE ARTS	3 Credits (4 for the class of 2016 and beyond)		4 Credits	4 Credits	4 Credits ⁴
MATH	3 Credits ²		3 Credits ²	3 - 4 Credits ²	3 Credits ⁴
SCIENCE (ONE MUST BE A LAB)	2 Credits		2 Credits	3 - 4 Credits	N/A
SOCIAL STUDIES (INCLUDING U.S. AND WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY)	3 Credits		3 Credits	3 - 4 Credits	N/A
WORLD LANGUAGE (SAME LANGUAGE)	0 Credits		2 Credits	3 - 4 Credits	2-3 Credits ³
VISUAL OR PERFORMING ARTS	1 Credit		1 Credits	2 - 3 Credits	N/A
HEALTH AND FITNESS PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1.5 PE 0.5 Health				
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION	1.5 Credits				
ELECTIVES	4.5 Credits				
TOTAL	20 Credits (21 for the class of 2016 and beyond)				

¹ Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA.

² Algebra 1, Geometry, plus at least one more rigorous math class (Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Approved CTE Math, etc.). One math-based quantitative class should be taken senior year.

³ Recommended for students intending to transfer to a university as a Junior.

⁴ To prepare to take compass test and place in college level English/Math. Placing below college level requires enrollment in developmental (pre-college) English/Math.

Additional Graduation Requirements include:

- Meeting state assessment requirements in Reading, Writing, Math and Science
- Completing OSPI-developed assessments in Social Studies, Health/Fitness, Educational Technology and the Arts
- Completing a Culminating Project
- Completing a High School and Beyond Plan
- Completing 60 Service Learning hours
- Obtaining at least a 2.0 Core and Cumulative GPA

For questions regarding specific graduation requirements contact your guidance counselor.