

P.H.S.

Future Seniors

Next year course requests and graduation requirements



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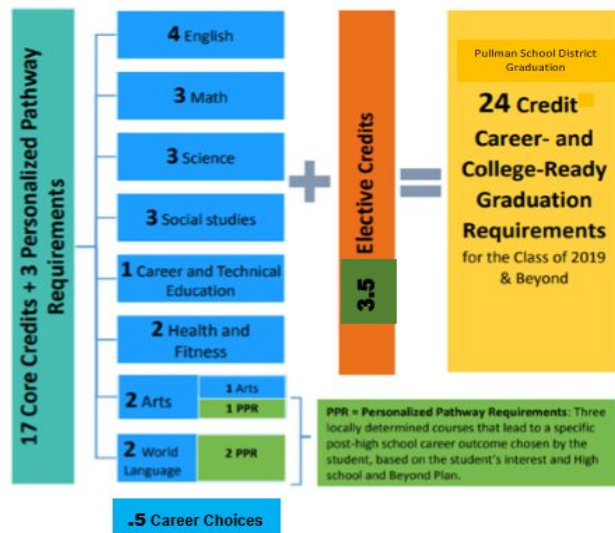
Below are a few important things about High School and Credits

- High School Classes count for credits
 - You need 24 credits to graduate.
 - Most semester class = $\frac{1}{2}$ credit
 - Jazz Band and Treble Triad are only $\frac{1}{4}$ credit = semester
 - You need to pass the class to earn the credit.
 - If you don't pass the class, then you will have to retake the class to earn the credit.

On the next page, you will see how many credits you need for each subject area.

Graduation Credit Requirements

	Required PSD Credits	College Prep Recommendations
English	4.0	4 years
Mathematics	3.0	3 years- Through Algebra II or Third Year Pathway
Science	3.0	3 years- Science: 2 lab sciences
Social Studies	3.0	3 years- Social Studies (US history 1.0/Civics .5)
Career & Technical Ed	1.0	
Physical Education	1.5	
Health/Wellness	0.5	
Career Choices	0.5	
Fine Arts OR PPR	2.0	1 year- Fine, Visual, Performing
World Language OR PPR	2.0	2 years- World Language (same language)
Electives	3.5	
Total	24.0	



Required Courses for Seniors

You will select 5 courses *(plus 2 alternates)*

1. English - World Literature/Composition or AP Literature
2. Social Studies -
Civics (semester)
AND
Economics or Psychology (minimum of a semester)
3. Career Choices - 1 semester + Elective (semester)
4. Elective #1 - your choice
5. Elective #2 - your choice

* Math - *Current Math Teacher will select your math for next year, may or may not be required, but highly suggested to continue (especially if post high school goals are college)*

P.H.S. ZERO Period

Zero Period begins at 7:15 AM and there is no school transportation available (*you need to find your own way to the school*)

If you want to ADD a ZERO period class to your schedule for next year, please EMAIL YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

The following classes are offered during ZERO period at P.H.S.

Jazz Band
Treble Triad
Blue Orchestra

You can find descriptions of these classes in the Course Guide.

Courses to Consider:

Science - 3 credits are required, but many colleges want to see Science during Senior year.

Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Plant Science, Natural Resources, Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Physics, Human Biology

There are Pre Requisite requirements for many Science courses - please see the course description book to see if you meet all prerequisites before registering

World Language - Do you need a 2nd or 3rd credit?

P.E. - 1 ½ credits of PE is required to graduate.

Courses to Consider:

Have you taken a:

- CTE Course *(1 credit is required)*
 - *In addition to Senior Year Career Choices*
- Fine Arts *(2 credits OR 1 credit + 1 credit of Personal Pathway)*
- World Language or Personal Pathway
 - *If you do not take 2 years of World Language as described on previous slide, then you will need to take 2 Personal Pathway Credits*

What is a Personal Pathway Credit?

A credit from a course that aligns with your plans for after high school. This can be anything from CTE to Math to Science and other courses. It needs to tie into your High School and Beyond Plan.

If you have questions about a Personal Pathway credit, please contact your counselor.

Course Descriptions

We have NEW and updated Classes!!

Make sure to check out the class lists provided AND the Course Guide for a complete description of all the courses offered!

The Course Guide is found on the Website:

[Counseling Center >> Next Year Course Guide](#)

Or

[Counseling Center >> Next Year Course Request >> Course Guide](#)

Graduation Pathways



It is required to complete a Graduation Pathway for Math and English Language Arts.

The next slide lists the Graduation Pathways that are available for students to meet.

Graduation Pathways

Career/Technical Field = CTE Course Sequence

- ✓ Complete 2.0 or more credits that either include a dual credit course or lead to an industry recognized credential
- ✓ Complete a Core Plus program

Military Career Interest = ASVAB Exam (AFQT Section)

- ✓ Score for Class of 2021 = 31
- ✓ Check the State Board of Education website by September 1 annually (www.sbe.wa.gov/our-work/graduation-pathway-options/asvab)

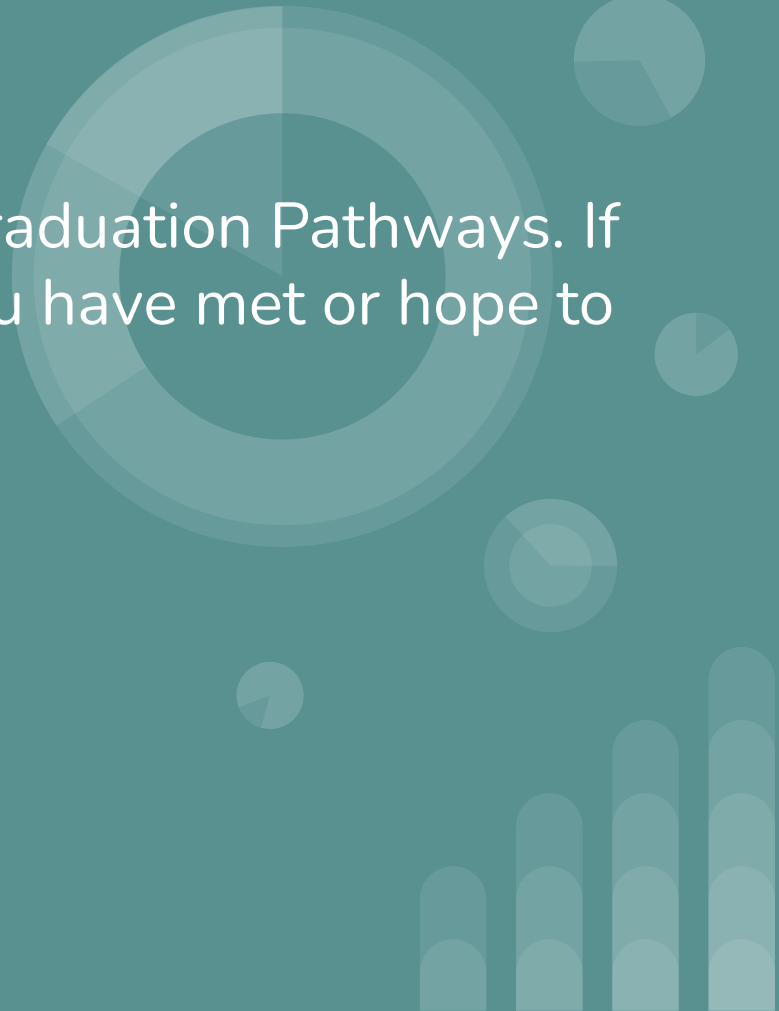
Postsecondary Education = English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Courses & Exams

(Can use any combination of the ELA and math options listed in this section.)

- ✓ ACT (ELA = 14; math = 16) or SAT (ELA = 410; math = 430)
- ✓ Dual credit courses (1.0 credit total):
 - AP/IB/Cambridge: Earn a C+ in state-approved course (each term)
 - CTE Dual Credit (must earn high school credit)
 - College in the High School or Running Start courses (local approval)
- ✓ Dual credit exams (for state-approved courses):
 - AP = 3+
 - Cambridge = E or better
 - IB = 4+
- ✓ State assessments:
 - Smarter Balanced: ELA = 2548; math = 2595
 - WA-AIM: ELA = 104; math = 103

Graduation Pathways

As you can see, there are several Graduation Pathways. If you are unsure of what Pathway you have met or hope to meet, please talk to your counselor.



Running Start

Running Start is college level courses taken for high school AND college credit.

Junior and Senior students may be eligible to take Running Start courses at WSU or SFCC.

Running Start Courses are tuition free - some lab fees, student fees, books, placement testing fees may not be included and will be the student's financial responsibility.

**More information and requirements can be found at:
PHS Counseling Center Website >> Running Start**

Student and Parent Information Nights will be in March - Please watch your email and the website for these dates.

Running Start

- If you are planning on enrolling in Running Start:
 - **Email your counselor to let them know your plan.**
 - Create a full schedule in Skyward as if you were not doing Running Start
 - Your counselor will update this after you enroll in Running Start classes.

After High School - College

Always check the PHS Counselor Website for College and Scholarship Information.

SUMMER:

- Research colleges/universities
 - Location
 - Program of Study
 - Cost
- Research Scholarships

FALL:

- Apply
 - College Websites
- Ask Teachers and Counselors for Letters of Recommendation
- Fill out the FAFSA (more information to come in the fall)
- Research/Apply for Scholarships

After High School - Employment



- Start researching jobs you are interested in
 - Training Required?
- Build a Resume
 - Have an adult review it

After High School - Military

- Start researching which branch of Military you would be interested in.
 - Link is on our website:
 - *Counseling Center>College/Career>Military Services*
- Contact a Recruiter
 - Link is on our website:
 - *Counseling Center>College/Career>Military Services*

College Entrance Testing

- Due to COVID-19, Colleges and Universities around the nation have altered their entrance exam requirements. Make sure to check the requirements for each college.
- Many 4 year Colleges and Universities require an entrance test - SAT or ACT. You do not need to take both.
- The spring of Junior year is an ideal time to take the test - knowledge gained from Junior year courses and still time to retake (if you want) before college applications are due.

Senior Year

- Senior year is important! Make it a good year!
- Stay connected with your classes, teachers, friends, and counselor!
- Attendance in school is IMPORTANT!
- If you are applying to colleges or scholarships and need letters of recommendation, ask for letters early! Give the recommender a copy of your resume and plenty of time - to write you a good and personable letter.
- Just because you have been accepted to a college, doesn't mean you can let your classes or grades slip! Keep up the good work, colleges will get your final transcript in June!
- Mrs. Komp will send out a Google Classroom for the Senior Class - JOIN IT - this will be your last year of high school - have fun!

Next Steps:

- ❑ Go to the PHS Website
 - ❑ **Counseling Center >> Next Year Course Requests**
- ❑ Watch the Course Request Video
- ❑ Refer to Next Year Course Request Handouts and other helpful tools
- ❑ Log into Skyward to Complete your Course Requests for 2021-2022 School Year
 - ❑ Choose 5 Classes AND 2 Alternate Classes
 - ❑ Email your Counselor if you want ANY ZERO period class
 - ❑ Let your counselor know if you do not want to take a Math Class.

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