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Minimum high school graduation requirements for Aurora Public Schools are 22 units of credit as stated below.

English	4.0 units of credit
Mathematics	4.0 units of credit
Science	3.0 units of credit
Social Sciences	3.0 units of credit
Included in the 3.0 Social Sciences credits are 1.0 of U.S. history and .5 credit of civil government	
World Language	1.0 unit of credit

The remaining 7 units of credit may be elective or additional core academic courses.

<u>Additional Credits</u>	<u>7.0 units of credit</u>
Minimum credits to graduate	22.0 units of credit

Credit for courses will be awarded to those students who receive a passing grade for the course. A passing grade indicates that the student has met the standards embedded in that course.

Graduation credits may be earned through approved programs or online courses.

Effective with the class of 2015, courses in speech, theater, journalism, yearbook production, commercial broadcasting, and broadcast writing and television production will be awarded elective credit. All courses outside of the areas of English, mathematics, science, social sciences, and world language will receive elective credit. In addition to the core academic requirements, students may choose any combination of courses, including additional core academic courses, to meet the 22 credits required for graduation.

Effective for the class of 2022, in order to graduate from the Aurora Public Schools, students will be required to meet the 22 credits toward graduation and demonstrate postsecondary and workforce readiness in both English and Math by meeting the requirements represented by at least one of the APS menu options in both English and Math

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Students who enroll in the District after the completion of their twelfth grade year must take and obtain a minimum of two (2) credits, one of which must be in a core academic area.

In 2010 the Colorado Commission on Higher Education revised their admission requirements for in-state colleges and universities. Effective with the graduating class of 2015, Aurora Public Schools graduation requirements match the in-state college and university admissions requirements. Students will consult with their high school counselors and college admission offices to assure that their Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAPs) outline course selections that qualify them for the college or university of their choice. ICAPs for all APS students are initiated in the 6th grade. This allows students to set career and academic goals and create a plan to achieve them.

Students completing pathway plans of study will be eligible to receive a differentiated diploma. All plans of study will meet the minimum graduation requirements outlined above, and may include the requirements of earning college credit and industry certifications. The issuance of differentiated diplomas will allow Aurora Public Schools to assure that graduates meet postsecondary and workforce readiness requirements as called for in state legislation.

The Aurora Public Schools Division of Equity in Learning shall determine the type of credit to be applied to each course.

Exceptions to the above credit requirements for graduation may be made by the superintendent of schools or designee.

Pilot schools may set their own graduation credit requirements as long as they are equal to or more rigorous than the district's requirements.

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OPTIONS	ENGLISH	MATH
Next Generation Accuplacer	241 on Reading or 236 on Writing	255 on Arithmetic (AR) or 230 on Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS)
ACT Scores	18 on ACT English	19 on ACT Math
Advanced Placement (AP)	2 or above	2 or above
Concurrent Enrollment	Grade of C or better in a specific Guarantee Transfer Pathway OR Pickens Program Completion	Grade of C or better in a specific Guarantee Transfer Pathway OR Pickens Program Completion
District Capstone	Capstone Completion	Capstone Completion
Industry-based Certificates	Earned Certificate	Earned Certificate
International Baccalaureate (IB)	4 or above	4 or above
SAT Scores	470	500
Workforce Training Certification (ACT WorkKeys – National Career Readiness Certification)	Bronze or higher	Bronze or higher
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	31 on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT)	31 on the AFQT