

Possible Course Guide Language

Jeffco School's mission is to ensure all students reach their learning potential and are prepared for career and/or college. The Board of Education has established the following graduation requirements.

The following criteria shall entitle a student to a high school diploma from Jefferson County Public Schools;

- 1) Successful completion of 23 credits in the categories listed below. A unit of credit is defined as the amount of credit earned toward graduation following demonstration of district identified criteria.
 - a. Achievement in Colorado Academic Standards as demonstrated by mastery of appropriate coursework.
 - b. Minimum requirements for a high school diploma
 - i. English – 4 credits
 1. Core classes that address all English language arts standards are required.
 2. Additional English classes may be required by the school if a student is not proficient in reading and/or writing.
 - ii. Math – 3 credits
 1. A minimum of three credits are required in senior high school. Courses must include algebra I, geometry and one additional course at or above the level of geometry.
 2. Algebra I and geometry credits may be earned in middle school. Those credits are not included in the 23 credits required for graduation from senior high school.
 3. A computer science course with a pre-requisite of at least algebra I is permissible as fulfilling a mathematics requirement.
 - iii. Science – 3 credits
 1. Three credits of laboratory classes in science that meet both process and content standards are required.
 2. Required classes may include courses in three of the four areas of science standards including earth science, biology, chemistry, and physics.
 - iv. Social Studies/Social Sciences – 3.5 credits
 1. Three and a half credits that must include civics, geography, American history, world history, and economics for seniors are required.
 - v. Physical Education – 0.5 credit
 1. One half credit in physical education and/or health and wellness in a course aligned with physical education standards is required.
 - vi. Fine/Practical Arts – 0.5 credit
 1. One half credit in either the fine arts defined as music, visual arts, or drama or one half credit in a career and technical education course is required.
 - vii. Electives – 8.5 credits
 1. Electives include the fine arts, technology, career and technical education, physical education, and core content electives in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and world languages.
- 2) For the classes of 2021 and beyond, demonstration of Career and college readiness in English and Math through one or more of the approved options in the menu below;

Measure	English	Math
Accuplacer assessment	62	61
American College Testing (ACT)	18	19
ACT WorkKeys	Bronze or higher	Bronze or higher

Advanced Placement (AP)	2	2
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	31	31
International Baccalaureate (IB)	4	4
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	430	460
Concurrent enrollment	Passing Grade	Passing Grade
Industry certificate	Individualized	Individualized
District capstone	Individualized	Individualized
Collaboratively-developed, standards-based performance assessment (in development)	Statewide scoring rubric	Statewide scoring rubric

3) A student who has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) may be granted a diploma based on completion of the goals listed in the IEP and on the basis of modified content standards and modified course requirements.