WCSD Graduation Guide

In order to graduate from a Washoe County high school, a student must earn a minimum of 22.5 credits (graduation cohort through 2021; graduation cohort 2022+ will need 23 credits) including certain requirements and a variety of electives. In addition, each student must have passed the state assessment prescribed as a diploma requirement for their respective graduating class. The following table outlines the options for students:

| Course Title | WCSD Standard (2019-2021 cohorts) | WCSD Standard (2022- beyond) | Alternative+ (2019-2021 cohorts) | Alternative+ (2022- beyond) | State Advanced | College and Career Ready with Endorsement | Honors |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| English | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Math (Must include Algebra 1, Geometry & Algebra 2 or equivalent) | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4 .0∆ |
| Science | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0† |
| American Government | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| U.S. History | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| World History/World Geography | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| PE/HSROTC | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Arts/Humanities/CTE/HSROTC 5-6/7-8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Computer Literacy | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Health | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| World Language | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.0* |
| Electives | 6.5 | 6.0 | 7.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 |
| Flex Credit** | 0 | 1.0 | 0 | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Endorsement (College and/or Career) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | See Back | 0 |
| Assessments to qualify | | | NAA | NAA | | | |
| TOTALS | 22.5 | 23.0 | 22.5 | 23.0 | 24.0 | 24.0 | 24.0 |
| # of Honors Courses | | | | | | | 8 |
| Required Cumulative GPA | | | | | 3.25 on a 4.0 scale (no rounding) | 3.25 on a 4.0 scale (no rounding) | 3.40 on a 4.0 scale (no rounding |

△ Algebra 1; Geometry or Formal Geometry; Algebra 2 (or their equivalents); plus 1 or more math class beyond Algebra 2

† Two credits must be in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics

* Two credits in the same world language

** Flex credits can be: a 2nd or 3rd year CTE completer course in one program of study, or a 4th year of math (including Alg 2 or higher), or a 3rd year of science, or a 4th year of social studies (WCSD requires 3 in Social Studies- World History/Geography, U.S. History, and American Government- for graduation)

+ Student must have taken the NAA assessment to be eligible for the alternative diploma. This diploma counts in the cohort grad rate.

College and Career Ready Diploma (CCR)

Students must complete the 24 credit requirements for an Advanced Diploma and demonstrate the following:

- 1. Proficiency in speaking not less than 2 languages (Seal of Biliteracy) or have earned not less than 2 credits in any combination of the following:
 - a. Advanced Placement courses; or
 - b. International Baccalaureate courses; or
 - c. Dual credit courses or courses completed through dual enrollment; or
 - d. Career and technical education courses; or
 - e. Work-based learning; or
 - f. A world language course
- 2. Earn one or both endorsements:

College Ready Endorsement

- a. ACT: 18 ACT English or SAT Reading 480; and
- b. SAT: 22 ACT Math or SAT Math 530

Career Ready Endorsement

- a. Score of 50+ or higher on the ASVAB; or
- b. Score of Silver or higher on the NCRC; or
- c. Be a completer of a CTE program of study and earn the Nevada Skills Certificate; or
- d. Obtain an industry recognized credential on the OWINN list (Nevada Industry-Recognized Credential

Nevada Assessments Required for Graduation

In order to graduate from a Nevada high school with a Standard, Advanced, or Honors diploma, a student must participate in the Nevada State high school assessments prescribed by law as diploma requirements for their respective graduating class.

Students who entered high school in the fall of 2012 and thereafter must participate in the College and Career Readiness assessment pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 390.600 and 390.610 as prescribed by the Nevada State Board of Education. Students will take this assessment during thei junior/11th grade year.

Students who entered high school in fall of 2016 and thereafter must participate in a civics examination pursuant to Nevada Senate Bill 322 approved in 2017. Students will take the civics examination as part of the U.S. History or Government course.