

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	WCSD 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	4.0A
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)

Δ 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 Bilingual) 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 including HROTC; or
 - e. Work-based learning; or
 - f. A world language course
2. Earn one or both endorsements:
College Ready Endorsement
 - a. English Language Arts: 18 ACT English *or* SAT Reading 480; *and*
 - b. Math: 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 **NCRRC**; 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 their 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.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certificate – (STEM Academy and 3 Years of Foods, Metals, or Construction)

The State Career and Technical Education (CTE) certificate will be awarded to graduates who:

- i. Maintained a 3.0 grade point average, on a 4.0 grading scale (weighted or unweighted), for 3 years of CTE classes (STEM Academy, Foods, Metals, Construction).
- ii. Passed the state end-of-program technical assessment according to the established cut score as prescribed by the Nevada Department of Education (Spring of 3rd year), and
- iii. Passed the state assessment for employability skills according to the established cut score (Spring of 3rd year).
- iv. There are retakes for both tests end of 3rd year, and into senior year if enrolled in 4th year class.

STATE "STEM," "STEAM," and "BI-Literacy" SEALS for Diploma

STEM Seal Requirements:

1. GPA:
 - a. 3.25 Unweighted or
 - b. 3.85 Weighted
2. Coursework:
 - a. At least 4 credits in science; and
 - b. At least 4 credits in mathematics; and
 - c. At least 1 credit in any of the following:
 - i. computer science,
 - ii. engineering,
 - iii. manufacturing,
 - iv. electronics or
 - v. a career and technical education program of study in information and media technologies or skilled and technical sciences;

Plus:

3. Any one of the following:
 - a. A score of 3 or higher on an advanced placement examination in science;
 - b. A score of 4 or higher on an international baccalaureate examination in science;
 - c. A score of 650 or higher on a SAT Subject Test in science;
 - d. A score of 23 or higher on the ACT in science;
 - e. A grade of B or higher in a college-level science course completed through dual enrollment; or
 - f. A score of gold or higher on the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate; and
4. Any one of the following:
 - a. A score of 3 or higher on an advanced placement examination in mathematics;
 - b. A score of 4 or higher on an international baccalaureate examination in mathematics;
 - c. A score of 530 or higher on the SAT in mathematics;
 - d. A score of 22 or higher on the ACT in mathematics;
 - e. A grade of B or higher in a college-level mathematics course completed through dual enrollment; or
 - f. A score of gold or higher on the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate.

STEAM Seal Requirements:

1. GPA:
 - a. 3.25 Unweighted
 - b. 3.85 Weighted
2. Coursework:
 - a. At least 3 credits in science;
 - b. At least 4 credits in mathematics;
 - c. At least 1 credit in computer science, engineering, manufacturing, electronics or a career and technical education program of study in information and media technologies or skilled and technical sciences;
 - d. At least 1 credit in fine arts;

Plus:

3. Any one of the following:
 - a. A score of 3 or higher on an advanced placement examination in science;
 - b. A score of 4 or higher on an international baccalaureate examination in science;
 - c. A score of 650 or higher on a SAT Subject Test in science;
 - d. A score of 23 or higher on the ACT in science;
 - e. A grade of B or higher in a college-level science course completed through dual enrollment; or
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 - A score of 530 or higher on the SAT in mathematics;
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Nevada Seal of Biliiteracy

Requirements:

1. Student must pass an exam
 - a. Earn a 3 or higher on Advanced Placement World Language Exam [if taken senior year, Seal can't be added to diploma (or recognized at graduation) until AP Exams scores come post in July].
 - b. Earn a score of 14 or higher in all four domains of AAPPL. Take this exam at your high school.
 - c. Earn a score of 11 on OPI in languages not assessed by the AP, IB, or AAPPL Exams.
 - d. Earn a score of 4 or higher on 1B World Language Exam
2. Student must have at least a C-coverage in all English classes 1-7 (thru January of senior year), (2.0 gpa in English)
3. Student must be graduating, so senior or junior graduating early.
4. Student must complete All graduation requirements, courses, credits, assessments.

There is a fee to take the AAPPL (given twice a year) and AP Exams (given in May), and a fee to apply for the Seal of Biliiteracy (Currently just \$10). Currently student who complete all requirements by April 1 of senior year will get to wear a Medal for Seal at graduation.