

Graduation Requirements



COLORADO
Early Colleges
— Fort Collins —

2024-25 Graduation Requirements

The Colorado Early Colleges Board of Directors has established the following graduation requirements for all students pursuing graduation. All the following criteria must be met for a student to graduate:

1. A student must earn 20 high school credits in the following areas **AND** an associate degree, 60+ college credits, or post-secondary or an industry certification:

Early College Graduation Requirements	Credits Needed
English	4
Mathematics	3
Natural Science	2
Social Science	2*
World Languages	0**
Academic Electives	9***
Total High School Credits	20
associate degree, 60+ College Credits, or Post-Secondary Credential.	

*Social Science credit includes the satisfactory completion of a civics/government course that encompasses information on both the United States and State of Colorado (C.R.S 22-1-104) AND a course that incorporates the new academic standards on Holocaust and Genocide studies as states in Colorado Law (HB20-1336).

**World language is highly encouraged for any student planning on applying to a four-year university.

***Electives must include a minimum of one .5 credit college/career readiness course, which is a graduation requirement, unless waived by the Head of School. This requirement is exempt for “College Direct Students”.

2. Students are required to participate in and successfully complete the requirements and goals of the Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) process.

3. All Colorado Early Colleges graduates must demonstrate college or career readiness based on at least one measure in English and one measure in math listed in the [Menu of College and Career-Ready Demonstration](#) established by the Colorado Department of Education.
4. To view the full CEC Graduation Policy - [CLICK HERE](#)

Other Guidelines

- Full-time students transferring from other educational programs must meet Colorado Early Colleges' graduation requirements.
- Part-time students are not eligible to graduate from Colorado Early Colleges.
- High school students enrolled in college courses receive high school credit towards their graduation requirements based on the following credit conversion:

College Credits	H.S. Credits
0.5	0.25
1	0.5
2	1
3	1
4	1.5
5	2
6	2
7	2.5
8	2.5
9	3

Diploma Distinctions

*Cum Laude (with praise)	*Magna Cum Laude (with great praise)	*Summa Cum Laude (with highest praise)
3.75-3.89 Cumulative Weighted GPA	3.9-4.199 Cumulative Weighted GPA	4.2-5.0 Cumulative Weighted GPA

***Diploma Distinctions designation is based off **Fall GPA Calculations** of student's graduating year**

With Honors - 30-59 College Credits and one postsecondary or industry certification OR three (3) postsecondary or industry certifications

With High Honors - 60+ College Credits or an associate degree