

Inspire Every Mind

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Dear Colorado Springs School District 11 Class of 2021 Families,

District 11 is happy to partner with you as your student prepares for graduation and life after high school. Our goal is to empower students to make a profound impact on their communities. Personally, socially, culturally, and academically, District 11 graduates are prepared and ready to thrive in life.

Life beyond high school has changed. Most jobs in Colorado require, and will continue to require, training or education beyond high school. Students who graduate and work in Colorado will need in-demand skills that meet business, industry, and higher education standards. To meet these needs, Colorado has developed graduation guidelines for the Class of 2021. (<https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/graduationguidelines>).

To best prepare students and families, District 11 has been communicating the graduation requirements for the Class of 2021 over the past three years. As we approach graduation for that class, we will continue to share information.

To align with the new Colorado Graduation Guidelines, District 11 students graduating in and after 2021 must meet or exceed the following graduation requirements*:

- earn a minimum of 46 credits in required courses; and
- complete an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP); and
- demonstrate their knowledge in English and math with an approved competency to show they are ready to pursue a career after high school.

*For more information on D11 Graduation Requirements, including Career and College Readiness Demonstration (CCRD) options, please visit <https://www.d11.org/gradrequirements>.

Please talk with your student(s) about their career interests, their postsecondary goals, and the new graduation requirements. In the conversation with your student, be sure to discuss the CCRD Menu of Options and the option(s) your student would like to pursue.

In February, school counselors will meet with the Class of 2021 to discuss course registration, ICAP, and CCRD. During this time, students will evaluate their progress toward meeting their graduation requirements and complete a survey sharing their plans to meet those requirements.

In April, an individualized letter for each Class of 2021 student will be sent, which will include their credit progress, CCRD status, and any necessary next steps. This information will also be available in each student's Office 365 account at that time. If you have any questions, please contact your student's school counselor.

Yours in Partnership,



Dr. Michael J. Thomas
Superintendent