

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from high school is a culminating event that results from the foundations built at the elementary and middle levels. Graduation is a collaborative effort during a student's public school career. Each level of school and each staff member or parent/guardian who instructs or counsels a student shares responsibility for the ultimate ability of that student to demonstrate proficiency in the content standards and to meet the expectations for graduation.

All students who graduate from Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) should be postsecondary and workforce ready. All graduates should have a firm foundation in the core areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies as well as a comprehensive background in the Arts, Physical Education, other Electives and Career Pathways. All students must meet or exceed graduation criteria outlined in this policy and accompanying regulation to be eligible to graduate with a District diploma.

The District graduation criteria meet or exceed the requirements adopted by the Colorado State Board of Education and state legislature by offering multiple rigorous and valued pathways to demonstrate competency of the knowledge and skills necessary for postsecondary education and meaningful careers.

Respecting the establishment of an Early College, the attainment of an Associate's Degree or its equivalent in a postsecondary credential or earning 60 credit hours toward a postsecondary credential is in accordance with district goals of preparing students to be postsecondary and workforce ready. Students earning such a degree or completing at least 60 credits toward the completion of a postsecondary credential, shall have demonstrated competency or proficiency that exceed graduation expectations. Students in early college are required to meet state subject requirements as part of their degree plan. Students earning a postsecondary credential or completing sixty hours toward a postsecondary credential will be considered as having met graduation requirements.

For students graduating from high school in 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020, the requirements to graduate are listed in Regulation **IKF-R-2**, Current Graduation Requirements (Transitional for 2017-2020 Graduates). [D11.org>school board>policies>section I>IKF-R-2](http://D11.org/school%20board/policies/section%20I/IKF-R-2)

For students graduating from high school in 2021 and thereafter, the requirements to graduate are listed in **IKF-R-1**, Graduation Requirements (Applied to 2021 Graduates). [D11.org>school board> policies> section I>IKF-R-1](http://D11.org/school%20board/policies/section%20I/IKF-R-1)

**Beginning with the 2017-2018 freshman class (scheduled to graduate in 2021), approved graduation requirements shall be:**

- A. Completion of an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) (See Regulation IKF-R-1),  
AND
- B. Successful demonstration of academic and career competencies aligned to the adopted Colorado Academic Standards by earning the minimum number of credits for graduation as defined in Regulation **IKF-R-1** for all students graduating in 2021 and thereafter, AND
- C. Demonstration of one of the following:
  1. Postsecondary Workforce Readiness from a Colorado Board of Education

approved menu of College and Career Ready demonstrations for all students graduating in 2021 and thereafter (see Regulation IKF-R-1), OR,

2. Completion of the requirements and goals as listed on a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), which may include modified content standards (see Regulation IKF-R-1), OR,
3. Completion of the requirements and goals as listed on a student's Advanced Learning Plan (ALP), which may include modified content standards (see Regulation IKF-R-1).

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CROSS REFS.: IGA, Curriculum Development  
IHA, Basic Instructional Program  
IHAQ, Career/Transition-to-Work Education  
IHBB, Gifted and Talented Education  
IHCD, Postsecondary Options/Concurrent Enrollment  
IHAI, Work Experience Opportunities  
IKC, Class Rankings/Grade Point Averages  
IKFA, Early Graduation  
IKF-R-1, Graduation Requirements (Applied to 2021 Graduates)  
IKF-R-2, Current Graduation Requirements (Transitional for 2017-2020 Graduates)  
IMBB and IMBB-R, Exemptions from Required Instruction

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-1-106  
C.R.S. 22-2-136  
C.R.S. 22-7-104  
C.R.S. 22-7-402  
C.R.S. 22-7-1005  
C.R.S. 22-7-1008  
C.R.S. 22-7-1009  
C.R.S. 22-7-1017  
C.R.S. 22-32-109  
C.R.S. 22-32-110  
C.R.S. 22-35-101  
1 CCR 301-81  
1 CCR 301-8, 2220-R-12.00  
C.R.S. 22-1-104  
1 CCR 301-105  
C.R.S. 22-35-103  
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