

Prairie School Graduation Requirements



Beginning with the class of 2021, districts must ensure that their requirements for graduation meet or exceed the guidelines established by the state of Colorado. In order to meet the state requirements, students must demonstrate college and career ready competency in English and Math. Prairie School District feels the best way to ensure that students are prepared for life after high school is to have them complete a **robust course sequence** of curricula aligned to the Colorado state standards and embedded with the skills necessary for success (Critical Thinking and Reasoning, Information Literacy, Collaboration, Self-Direction, and Innovation/Invention). Students who complete these courses will have the confidence and ability to demonstrate their mastery/competency in the two state required areas of English and Math.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2021, in order to graduate from Prairie High School, students must demonstrate the mastery of the standards and skills through a combination of earned credits and competency based measurements.

Graduates will complete 28 credits in grades nine through twelve in the prescribed categories listed in the student handbook and also posted on the Prairie website. Completion of the requirements and goals as listed on a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Language Acquisition Plan (LAP) *which may include modified content standards.*

In addition, student must demonstrate college and career ready competency in English and Math in at least one category from the Graduation Guidelines Menu. Students on an IEP, LAP or Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) *may have modified requirements for demonstrating competency.*

Course Credits

English - 4 credits

Social Studies - 3 credits

Vocational - 2 credits

Financial Literacy - .5 credit

ICAP - 1 credit

Physical Education - 1 credit

(1 completed Sports Season = .5 PE Credit)

Science - 3 credits

Math - 3 credits

Computer Science - .5 credit

Health - .5 credit

Fine Art - 1 credit

Electives - 8.5 credits

The Graduation Guidelines Menu follows.

Prairie's Graduation Guidelines Menu (Starting with the class of 2021)

In addition to 28 credit hours, students must show competency by meeting the minimum requirements in at least one from the options below in both English and Math in order to graduate.

OPTION 1		
ACCUPLACER		
English		Math
Classic	62 on Reading Comprehension OR 70 on Sentence Skills	61 on Elementary Algebra
Next Generation	241 on Reading OR 236 on Writing	255 on Arithmetic (AR) OR 230 on Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS)
<p>ACCUPLACER is a computerized test that assesses reading, writing, math and computer skills. The results of the assessment, in conjunction with a student's academic background, goals and interests, are used by academic advisors and counselors to place students in college courses that match their skill levels.</p>		

OPTION 2	
ACT	
English	Math
18 on English	19 on Math
<p>ACT is a national college admissions exam. It measures four subjects – English, reading, math and science. The highest possible score for each subject is 36.</p>	

OPTION 3	
SAT	
English	Math
470	500
<p>The SAT is a college entrance exam that is accepted or required at nearly all four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. The current SAT includes sections on reading, writing and math. The highest possible score for each section is 800.</p>	

OPTION 4	
ASVAB	
English	Math
31 on the AFQT	31 on the AFQT
<p>The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a comprehensive test that helps determine students' eligibility and suitability for careers in the military. Students who score at least 31 are eligible for service (along with other standards that include physical condition and personal conduct). Students who take the ASVAB are not required to enlist in the military.</p>	

OPTION 5	
High School Coursework	
Math	
<p>Beyond math graduation requirements of Prairie High School, one of the following classes is taken and passed with a C or better to deepen mathematical understanding: Pre-Calculus, Physics, Trigonometry</p>	

OPTION 6	
Concurrent Enrollment	
English	Math
Composition I	College Algebra
Composition II	College Trig
College Biology	College Calculus
History 100 & 101	
Principles of Business	
ECE 101 or 103 plus 1 other ECE course	
College course above 090 as approved by administration	
Passing grade per district and higher education policy	

OPTION 7	
Industry Certificate	
English	Math
<p>Certificate which enables a student to enter the work force: Agriculture Education: Welding, Auto Tech, Diesel Mechanics, Collision Repair, HSA</p>	

OPTION 8	
Capstone Projects	
English	Math
Individualized	Individualized
<p>Capstone project is a multifaceted body of work that is district determined and serves as culminating academic & intellectual experience for students. Could include: Proficiency Award - State FFA Individualized project outlined by teacher & student</p>	