

Pathways to Graduation



To earn a high school diploma, students must complete at least one of the following pathway requirements that are aligned to their *High School and Beyond Plan* in addition to required course credits.

1 Demonstrate College & Career Readiness in ELA and MATH

Smarter Balanced (SBA) test in ELA and MATH

The first pathway is to meet graduation cut scores on state tests. All students take the tests in 10th grade with retakes available in 11th and 12th grades. (ELA \geq 2548, Math \geq 2595).

NOTE: An IEP team may designate the use of WA-AIM instead of SBA.

Additional ways to demonstrate in ELA

- ACT ELA with Writing (≥ 14)
- SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (≥ 410)
- AP Exam (≥ 3) or course grade ($\geq C+$)
 - AP English Language
 - AP English Literature
 - AP Macro/Microeconomics
 - AP Psychology
 - AP Comparative Government
 - AP US Government
 - AP US History
 - AP World History
- Dual Credit ELA course (earn high school ELA credit and ability for college ELA credit)
 - College in the High School
 - CTE Dual Credit
 - Running Start
- Bridge to College ELA (1.0 credit)
- Cambridge A/AS Exam (E or better) or course grade ($\geq C+$)
 - English Language, Literature in English, English General Paper, Psychology, History, Sociology, Global Perspective and Research, or Law

Additional ways to demonstrate in MATH

- ACT Math (≥ 16)
- SAT Math (≥ 430)
- AP Exam (≥ 3) or course grade ($\geq C+$)
 - AP Calculus
 - AP Statistics
 - AP Computer Science A
 - AP Computer Science Principles
- Dual Credit Math course (earn high school Math credit and ability for college Math credit)
 - College in the High School
 - CTE Dual Credit
 - Running Start
- Bridge to College Math (1.0 credit)
- Cambridge A/AS Exam (E or better) or course grade ($\geq C+$)
 - Mathematics or Further Mathematics

2 Demonstrate Career Readiness with CTE Course Sequence

Students can meet a pathway requirement by earning a minimum of 2.0 credits in a designated CTE pathway that is aligned to their *High School and Beyond Plan*. CTE Pathways can be earned at all high schools and Pierce County Skills Center. CTE pathways are in the following program areas (not all pathways are available at each building):

- Agriculture Education
- Business & Marketing
- Family & Consumer Science
- Health Services
- Skilled & Technical Sciences
- STEM

More information about specific courses within those pathways can be found in our course catalog online at bethelsd.org/coursecatalog.

3 Demonstrate Armed Services Readiness with ASVAB test scores

Students whose *High School and Beyond Plan* includes enlisting in the military can meet pathway requirements with an ASVAB score of 31 or higher. NOTE: Different branches may require different cut scores.

Additional options available for students in designated graduation years prior to the class of 2022.

- Expedited Assessment Appeal (class of 2020 and older)
- Special Education: CIA options of Basic, Off-Grade Tests, and LDA (class of 2021 and older)
- GPA Comparison (class of 2020 and older)
- Collection of Evidence – scored and passed in 2019 or earlier (class of 2020 and older)

