Menu of College and Career-Ready Demonstrations

High school graduation requirements are set by local school boards. They must align with the Colorado Graduation Guidelines, which are designed to help all students and families in Colorado plan for success after high school.

Local school boards and districts select from this menu to create a list of options that their students must use to show what they know or can do in order to graduate from high school. School districts may offer some or all of the state menu options, may raise a cut score on an included assessment and may add graduation requirements in other content areas.

Districts have the authority to provide accommodations to students in meeting the college and career demonstrations necessary to earn a standard high school diploma for: English learners, gifted students and students with disabilities.

Graduation Guidelines begin with the implementation of Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAP); 21st Century Essential Skills; and Colorado Academic Standards for all content areas, including: one course in Civics, and by July 2023, one course that incorporates Genocide and Holocaust studies.

Students must demonstrate readiness for college and career based on at least one measure in Reading, Writing and Communicating, and one measure in Mathematics [1].

MENU OF OPTIONS: This menu lists the minimum scores required.

ACCUPLACER

	Reading, Writing and Communicating	Mathematics	
CLASSIC	62 on Reading Comprehension OR 70 on Sentence Skills	61 on Elementary Algebra	**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.
NEXT GENERATION	241 on Reading OR 236 on Sentence Writing	255 on Arithmetic (AR) OR 230 on Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) OR 230 on Advanced Algebra and Functions	

ACT

Reading, Writing and Communicating	Mathematics	
18 on ACT English	19 on ACT Math	**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.

ACT WorkKeys – National Career Readiness Certificate

Reading, Writing, Communicating, and Mathematics	
Bronze or higher	**ACT WorkKeys** is an assessment that tests students' job skills in applied reading, writing, mathematics and 21st century skills. Scores are based on job profiles that help employers select, hire, train, develop and retain a high-performance workforce. Students must score at the bronze level (a score of at least 3) in all three assessments- Applied Mathematics, Graphic Literacy and Workplace Documents - and they will earn the ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate.

[1] In order to match the language in statute for Colorado Academic Standards, and to better reflect the skills necessary for success in life after high school, "English" and "Math" have been more clearly defined as, "Reading, Writing and Communicating" and "Mathematics."

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Advanced Placement

Reading, Writing and Communicating	Mathematics	
2	2	**AP exams** test students' ability to perform at a college level. Districts choose which AP exams will fulfill this menu option. Scores range from 1 to 5 (highest).

ASVAB

Reading, Writing, Communicating, and Mathematics	
31 on the AFQT	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 on the AFQT 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.

Concurrent Enrollment

Reading, Writing and Communicating	Mathematics	
Passing grade per district and higher education policy	Passing grade per district and higher education policy	**Concurrent enrollment** provides students the opportunity to enroll in postsecondary courses, simultaneously earning high school and college credit. School districts and institutions of higher education each determine passing grades for credit and concurrent enrollment. An eligible concurrent enrollment course is 1) the prerequisite directly prior to a credit-bearing course or 2) a credit-bearing course, and 3) governed by a district-level cooperative agreement or MOU. Districts choose which courses will fulfill the option.

District Capstone

Reading, Writing and Communicating	Mathematics	
Individualized	Individualized	**A capstone** is the culminating exhibition of a student's project or experience that demonstrates academic and intellectual learning. Capstone projects are district determined and often include a portfolio of a student's best work.

Industry Certificate

Reading, Writing and Communicating	Mathematics	
Individualized	Individualized	**Industry certificates** are credentials recognized by business and industry. They are district determined, measure a student's competency in an occupation, and they validate a knowledge base and skills that show mastery in a particular industry.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Reading, Writing and Communicating	Mathematics	
4	4	**IB exams** assess students enrolled in the official IB Diploma Programme. Districts choose which IB exams will fulfill this option. Scores range from 1 to 7 (highest).

SAT – Scores updated, 2024-2026

Reading, Writing and Communicating	Mathematics	
470	480 *	**The SAT** is a college entrance exam. The SAT includes sections on reading, writing and math. The highest possible score for each section is 800. *See the note below about scores for Mathematics:* *480: Beginning with Digital SAT, 2023-24, extending through 2025-26 500: *2022 -2023 and prior to Digital SAT*

Collaboratively developed, standards-based performance assessment

Reading, Writing and Communicating	Mathematics	
State-wide scoring criteria	State-wide scoring criteria	For this option, students use an authentic demonstration of academic knowledge and Essential Skills through the creation of a complex product or presentation.