



STEAMBOAT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS

2026-2027

A **Diploma with Emphasis** is a formal recognition showing students went above and beyond the minimum graduation requirements in a specific academic or creative area (e.g., STEM, Biliteracy, or Fine Arts). At SSHS, students may complete more than one.

Due dates:

By December 18, 2026:

- Talk with your counselor, pick up paperwork.
- Check in with academic department head

By April 3, 2027:

- All materials turned in to Ms. Janine Icovetto (front office)





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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS BUSINESS

- Earn at least 2 credits within the same CTE Pathway
- Receive a Certification or Diploma Seal in the CTE program focus *if applicable
- Participate as an active member with the student CTE organization for at least 2 years *if applicable
- Complete an official school internship or capstone

SSHS Course Offerings:

- Principles of Marketing
- Personal Finance
- Entrepreneurship
- Career/College Prep
- Into to PC Applications
- Adv. PC Applications
- Intro to Business*
- Business Economics*
- Business Internship



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS CONSTRUCTION TRADES

- Earn at least 2 credits within the same CTE Pathway
- Receive a Certification or Diploma Seal in the CTE program focus *if applicable
- Participate as an active member with the student CTE organization for at least 2 years *if applicable
- Complete an official school internship or capstone



SSHS Course Offerings:

- Wood and 3D Design
- Welding
- Welding Certificate
- Construction Technology I*
- Construction Technology II*
- CMC Carpentry I*
- CMC Carpentry II*
- WBL Construction Trades



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS ENGINEERING

- Earn at least 2 credits within the same CTE Pathway
- Receive a Certification or Diploma Seal in the CTE program focus *if applicable
- Participate as an active member with the student CTE organization for at least 2 years *if applicable
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SSHS Course Offerings:

- Intro to Engineering , .5cr
- Applied Engineering , .5cr
- Engineering CAD *
- Engineering Capstone
- WBL Engineering



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS HEALTH SCIENCE

- Earn at least 2 credits within the same CTE Pathway
- Receive a Certification or Diploma Seal in the CTE program focus *if applicable
- Participate as an active member with the student CTE organization for at least 2 years *if applicable
- Complete an official school internship or capstone



SSHS Course Offerings:

- **Intro to Health Science**
- **Sports Medicine , .5 cr**
- **WBL Healthcare Clinicals**
- **Certified Nursing Aide* (CNA)**



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS NATURAL RESOURCES

- Earn at least 2 credits within the same CTE Pathway
- Receive a Certification or Diploma Seal in the CTE program focus *if applicable
- Participate as an active member with the student CTE organization for at least 2 years *if applicable
- Complete an official school internship or capstone



SSHS Course Offerings:

- **Plant & Animal Science***
- **Natural Resources & Environmental Science***
- **WBL Natural Resources**
- **Natural Resources Capstone**



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Earn at least 2 credits within the same CTE Pathway
- Receive a Certification or Diploma Seal in the CTE program focus *if applicable
- Participate as an active member with the student CTE organization for at least 2 years *if applicable
- Complete an official school internship or capstone



SSHS Course Offerings:

- **Bicycle Mechanic***
- **Ski & Board Tuning***
- **Backpacking & Outdoor Leadership***
- **Wilderness Route Finding***
- **WBL Outdoor Recreation**



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

- Earn 4 credits in Band, grade of A- or higher
- Teach at least 4 lessons at MS or elementary individual or instrumental section: junior or senior year
- Demonstrate appropriate musical proficiency during senior year

SSHS Course Offerings:

- **Concert Band**
- **Jazz Band**
- **Orchestra (Strings Ensemble)**



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Earn 5 credits in Language Arts, B or higher, including, at least 1 AP class, B or higher
- Participate in at least 1 Language Arts related club or activity (Drama Club, Speech and Debate, Yearbook, Students for Social Justice) for 2 years
- Complete department approved demonstration /exploration in the field of Language Arts:

SSHS Course Offerings:

- English 9
- English Comp 9
- American Lit
- World Lit
- Speech
- Writers Workshop
- Dramatic Lit & Film
- Space, Time, Other Worlds
- AP Eng Language*
- AP Eng Lit & Comp*
- Music as Lit
- Sports & Adv Lit
- Theory of Knowing



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS MATH

- Complete 3 AP math courses, earning B or higher AND sit for corresponding AP exams **OR** Complete 2 AP math courses, earning B or higher, sit for corresponding AP exams **AND** complete one item below:
 - Take at least 1 CMC course, more advanced than Calculus II, earning a B or higher.
 - Complete a approved exploration in the field of mathematics- pre-approval required
 - Attend or participate in pre-approved camp or internship program (consult with math teachers)



SSHS Course Offerings:

- AP Pre Calculus*
- AP Calculus AB*
- AP Calculus BC*
- AP Statistics
- CMC Calculus III*
- CMC Diff Equations*



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS PERFORMING ARTS

- Complete 2 credits with a B or higher grade
- Participation in at least 4 drama productions
- Completed an approved demonstration or exploration in performing arts area with a link to community

SSHS Course Offerings:

- Intro to Theatre Arts , .5cr
- Acting I , .5cr
- Acting II , .5cr
- Playwriting and Directing , .5cr

**Choir may be substituted for 1 of the above classes if unavailable*



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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS SCIENCE

- Complete minimum of 5 science courses, including at least 2 AP courses, earning B or higher. *CMC courses allowed*
- Complete a capstone experience demonstrating a passion for science
- Capstone experience must be approved by sponsor/department head: Possible ideas may include: Science Olympiad, Science internship, Science Camps, etc.



SSHS Course Offerings:

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| • Plant & Animal Sci* | • Astro/Geo |
| • Nat Res & Env Sci* | • Biology |
| • AP Physics I | • Physics |
| • AP Physics II | • Chemistry |
| • Intro to Biotechnology* | • AP Biology* |
| • Biotech Capstone* | • AP Chemistry |



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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS SOCIAL STUDIES

- Complete 4 courses in social studies, earning grades B or higher
- Complete a final project/capstone experience in the area of social studies. Pre-approval required:
- Presentation required and must have a community connection.

SSHS Course Offerings:

- American History
- World History
- World Geography
- Civics
- AP Human Geography*
- AP Modern World History*
- Psychology
- Sociology



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS SPANISH OR FRENCH

- Complete of 4 credits in the same world language courses, grades of B or higher
- 40 hours of community service positively affecting that community: preapproval
- 3 or higher on the AP Language and Culture exam OR 50 or higher on the Spanish Language I CLEP exam



SSHS Course Offerings:

- Spanish for Beginners
- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Spanish III
- Spanish IV
- Spanish for Spanish Speakers
- Spanish Communications
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- French I
- French II
- French III
- French IV
- AP French Language and Culture

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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS VISUAL ARTS

- Complete 3 credits in art, 1 must be an AP art class
- B or higher grade in AP Studio Art or AP Photography
- Submit 1 AP Portfolio: Drawing, 2D Design, Photography, 3D Design
- Participate in a public exhibition

SSHS Course Offerings:

- Drawing
- Ceramics I
- Ceramics II
- Painting
- Intro to Digital Photo
- Intro to Film Photo
- AP Photo
- AP Studio Art



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS

VOCAL MUSIC

- Complete 3 credits in music classes, grades of A- or higher
- Participate in at least 1 extra curricular vocal performance per year (CO All State Choir, Honors Choir, or local singing groups, church etc.)
- Demonstrate appropriate musical proficiency during senior year

SSHS Course Offerings:

- **Choir**
- **Intro to Music Theory**
- **AP Music Theory**



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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS SEAL OF CLIMATE LITERACY

- Complete 2 courses in climate literacy: B or higher
- Complete a final project/capstone experience in the area of climate literacy. Pre-approval required:
- Options may include but are not limited to:
 - Independent research project on climate or sustainability topic (in or out of school)
 - Eco Club community project
 - Peace & Justice project related to climate change
 - Internship using green skills or technical green skills
 - Artwork, creative writing, or digital media project related to climate change or sustainability



SSHS Course Offerings:

- **Natural Resources & Environmental Science***
- **Biology**
- **Capstone Experience Required**

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DIPLOMA WITH EMPHASIS SEAL OF BILITERACY

English Requirements:

- 3 or higher on the AP English exam
- 470 or higher on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing portion of the SAT
- 25 or higher combined on the English and Reading portions of the ACT
- C or higher in an English Concurrent Enrollment course level 1021 or its equivalent

Students classified as Multilingual Learners may also demonstrate proficiency in English using:

- Monitor status as proven by the ACCESS 2.0 test
- Intermediate 4 or higher in each skill area of the English AAPPL exam

World Language Requirements:

- 3 or higher on an AP World Language exam
- Intermediate 4 or higher in each skill area of a World Language AAPPL exam
- C or higher in a World Language Concurrent Enrollment course level 2012 or equivalent
- 4 years of the same World Language with at least a 3.0 or higher in those classes

If a student wishes to demonstrate proficiency in a language that is not available for the options above, the [approved list of World Language assessments](#) provided by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) will be used.

If an appropriate assessment is not found from that list, the student has the option to demonstrate proficiency using a body of evidence, according to the [CDE Diploma Endorsement for Biliteracy](#).



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LAST CALL: REGISTRATION

Parents & Students — We Need Your Attention!

We have been working to reach every student to complete registration for the next school year. If you have not met with your counselor, this is your final reminder.

DEADLINE: MARCH 6TH ⚠

If registration is NOT completed:

- ✗ You will NOT choose your classes**
- ✗ Your schedule will be created for you**
- ✗ You will receive a “WHY ME” Schedule**

WHAT IS A “WHY ME” SCHEDULE?

A schedule created without your input:

- **May not include the classes you want**
 - **Limited flexibility**
- **⊘ No changes in August**

HOW TO AVOID THIS

- ✓ Schedule your appointment**
- ✓ Complete your registration form**
- ✓ Meet with your counselor before March 6th**





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NOCHE DE INFORMACIÓN A LOS PADRES

PROXIMOS ALUMNOS DE 9^º GRADO

Padre, por favor venga al SSHS para enterarse del proceso de registros para las los próximos alumnos de 9^º grado. El equipo de consejería de la escuela presentaran una informacion importante.

Tanto SSHS como YVHS estaran representados.

- ✓ **Fecha:** Miercoles, Febrero 25
- ✓ **Hora:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ✓ **Locacion:** Area comun de SSHS

Pagina Web:

[SSHs](#)

[YVHS](#)

Numero de telefono:

[970-871-3699](tel:970-871-3699)

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