



# Poudre School District

## **IKF-1 Graduation Requirements**

This policy pertains only to students entering the 9th grade prior to 2008-2009.

To graduate from a Poudre School District high school, a student must earn a minimum of 220 hours of credit in grades 9 through 12.

### PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

In grade 9, each student shall be required to enroll in at least 35 credits of course work per semester. In grades 10 through 12, each student shall be required to enroll in 50 credits of course work per year. "Credit" is defined as a period of instructional activity taken each week for a full semester.

In cases where a course meets a requirement for more than one core, the student shall declare which core requirement the course will satisfy.

Each student shall be responsible for monitoring progress toward high school graduation. School counselors shall assist students with the process.

High school transcripts shall include credits earned in grades 9 through 12.

### TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION AT CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL, FORT COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL, FOSSIL RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, POLARIS EL SCHOOL, POUUDRE HIGH SCHOOL AND POUUDRE TRANSITION CENTER

	Credits
Core I – Learning, Communication & Reasoning	30
Core II – Citizenship & Social Studies	35
Core III – Cultural Studies	20
Core IV – Mathematics, Science & Technology	40
Core V – Wellness and Living Skills	20
Total Core Credits	145
Total Elective Credits	75
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION</b>	<b>220</b>

In each of these core areas, students shall be required to take a minimum number of credits within specific topic areas. Courses that meet the requirements shall be determined by the curriculum division working with the IICs.

	Credits
Core I – Learning, Communication & Reasoning	
Speech	5
English	25
Total	30
Core II- Citizenship and Social Studies	
Civics	5
United States History	10
World Studies	20
Total	35
Core III – Cultural Studies	
US Literature	5
Humanities	5
World Language, Visual Arts, Performing Arts or Music	10
Total	20
Core IV – Mathematics, Science & Technology	
Mathematics	20
Science/Technology	20
10 credits from each of the categories A and B	
Category A: Biological Sciences	
Category B: Physical Sciences	
Total	40
Core V – Wellness & Living Skills	
Health Education	2.5
Physical Education	12.5
5 credits in grade 9; 7.5 credits in grades 10 through 12	
Living Skills	5
Total	20
Total Core Credits	145
Total Elective Credits	75
Total Credits Required for Graduation	220

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION AT  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

To graduate from Rocky Mountain High School, a student must earn at least 220 semester hours of credit in grades 9 through 12. While attending Rocky Mountain High School, a student must earn 180 credits in grades 10 through 12.

	Credits
Core I – Learning, Communication & Reasoning	40
Core II – Citizenship and Social Studies	35
Core III – Cultural Studies	20
Core IV – Mathematics, Science & Technology	40
Core V – Wellness and Living Skills	25
 Total Core Credits	 160
Total Elective Credits	60
Total Credits Required for Graduation	220

In each of these core areas, students shall be required to earn a minimum number of credits within specified topic areas as follows:

	Credits
Core I – Learning, Communication & Reasoning	
Speech	5
English	35
Total	40
 Core II – Citizenship and Social Studies	
Civics	5
United States History	10
World Studies	20
Total	35
 Core III – Cultural Studies	
United States Literature	5
Humanities	5
Arts/Foreign Language	10
Total	20
 Core IV – Mathematics, Science & Technology	
Mathematics	20
Biological Science	10
Physical Science	10
Total	40

	Credits
Core V – Wellness & Living Skills	
Health Education	5
Physical Education	15
Living Skills	5
Total	25
Total Core Credits	160
Total Elective Credits	60
Total Credits Required for Graduation	220

#### HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This certificate shall be awarded to students who have not satisfied the requirements for high school graduation but have remained enrolled and continued their education in the District until age 21.

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CROSS REFS:  
 IKC, Grade Point Averages/Class Ranking  
 IKFB, Graduation Exercises