



# COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE: SOPHOMORES

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## FALL

- Be aware of graduation and college entrance requirements. Check out CCHS Graduation Requirements and Colorado Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR).
- Attend In-State & Out-of-State College Nights, the **Greater Denver College Fair**, and **National College Fair**.
- Talk as a family about paying for college. Attend the *Financial Aid and Scholarship Workshop* in September.
- Strive to earn grades of B or better. Improve study skills, ask teachers and/or your counselor for help.
- Success in college is a combination of being able to handle academic demands and live independently.
- Begin to develop independent living skills; get yourself out of bed in the morning, get through the day without texting, emailing or calling a parent, manage varying homework demands, set academic goals and follow through to reach them, structure your free time productively.
- Participating in different activities will help you find out about your interests. Attend the **CCHS Club Fair** in **August**. Quality is more important than quantity.
- Rest well the night before the District Pre ACT Test (*practice ACT*) given to all Sophomores in October.
- Register for the PSAT. It is the practice test for the SAT.
- Attend **CREEK TO COLLEGE: A College Planning Workshop** in December.

## SPRING

- Complete all Creek 201 tasks.
- Attend *Evening with the College Deans* in January.
- Attend *College 201 Sophomore Family Night* in March. This is recommended for students and parents looking for additional information on preparing for college.
- Visit the *Denver Spring College Fair* in April at Cherry Creek High School.
- Rest well before the State SAT 10 (*practice SAT*) given to all sophomores in April.
- Thinking about playing sports in college? Check out the NCAA eligibility requirements.
- Get ready for summer reading. Lists and books are available at Bear Necessities.
- Look into summer jobs, enrichment and volunteer opportunities.

### Course Requirements for Graduation in Cherry Creek

Board Policy IKF

A minimum of 22 units of credit shall be necessary for high school graduation.

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| English .....                  | 4.0 units |
| Mathematics .....              | 3.0 units |
| Natural/Physical Science ..... | 3.0 units |
| Social Sciences .....          | 3.0 units |
| Physical Education.....        | 1.5 units |
| Health.....                    | 0.5 units |
| Fine Arts or CTE .....         | 1.5 units |
| Elective Offerings.....        | 5.5 units |

### College & Career Ready Demonstration Requirement for Graduation in Cherry Creek and all Other Colorado Schools

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In addition to required coursework, all students must demonstrate competency in Math and English through one area below.

|                             | English        | Math           |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Accuplacer                  | 62             | 61             |
| ACT                         | 18             | 19             |
| ACT Compass                 | 79             | 63             |
| ACT Work Keys               | Bronze+        | Bronze+        |
| Advanced Placement          | 2              | 2              |
| ASVAB                       | 31             | 31             |
| Concurrent Enrollment       | Passing Grade  | Passing Grade  |
| International Baccalaureate | 4              | 4              |
| SAT                         | 430            | 460            |
| District Capstone           | Individualized | Individualized |
| Industry Certificate        | Individualized | Individualized |