



# COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE: SOPHOMORES

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## FALL

- Be aware of graduation and college entrance requirements. Check out [CCHS Graduation Requirements](#), College and Career Readiness Standards and [Colorado Higher Education Admission Requirements \(HEAR\)](#). See below.
- Strive to earn grades of B or better. Improve study skills, ask teachers and/or your counselor for help.
- Participate in different activities to help you discover your interests. Quality and depth are more important than quantity.
- Develop independent living skills; manage varying homework demands; set academic goals and follow through to reach them; structure your free time productively.
- Prepare for and take seriously the opportunities for standardized testing, such as the practice PSAT 10 on College Readiness Day.
- Check out the Post Grad website's [Post Grad Planning Schedule](#) to learn about important fall events such as *Naviance Night, Standardized Testing Unpacked, Financial Aid & Scholarship Night, the Denver National College Fair, Creek to College*, and others.
- Success in college is a combination of being able to handle academic demands and living independently.

## SPRING

- Complete all Creek 201 tasks surrounding career exploration.
- Take the State PSAT 10 (practice SAT) given to all sophomores in April.
- Check out the Post Grad website's [Post Grad Planning Schedule](#) to learn about important spring events such as *Evening with the Deans of College Admissions, CCSD HIS/HBCU/NASNTI Fair, RMACAC College Fair, Creek 201 Sophomore Parent Night*, and others.
- Thinking about playing sports in college? Check out the [NCAA Eligibility Center website for requirements](#).
- 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/Language Arts .....	4.0 units
Mathematics .....	3.0 units
Science.....	3.0 units
Social Studies* .....	3.0 units
Physical Education.....	1.5 units
Health.....	0.5 units
Fine/Practical Arts .....	1.5 units
Elective Offerings.....	5.5 units

*\*Within the 3.0 required credits of Social Studies, 1.0 credit must be a full year of U.S. History and .5 semester of Civics/Government.*



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

Board Policy IKF  
In addition to required coursework, all students must demonstrate career or college readiness in Reading/Writing/Communicating (R/W/C) and mathematics through at least one menu option below.

	English	Math
Accuplacer Next Gen	241 on Reading or 236 on writing	255 on AR or 230 on QAS
Accuplacer Classic	62 Reading Comp. or 70 Sentence Skills	61 on Elementary Algebra
ACT	18	19
ACT WorkKeys	Bronze or higher	Bronze or higher
Advanced Placement	2 or higher	2 or higher
ASVAB	31 <sup>st</sup> Percentile	31 <sup>st</sup> Percentile
Concurrent Enrollment	Passing grade	Passing grade
IB	4 or higher	4 or higher
SAT (for 2024-2026 only)	470	480
District Capstone	Secondary Literacy Assessment	Common Assessment Portfolio
Industry Certificate	Individualized	Individualized
Performance Based Assessment (PBA)	State-wide scoring criteria	State-wide scoring criteria