



COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE: JUNIORS

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FALL

- Review your class schedule. Are you on track to graduate? Will the classes you are taking help you reach your goals after high school? See below for CCHS Graduation Requirements.
- Keep in mind the required College and Career Readiness Benchmarks and Colorado Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR). See reverse side of this page.
- If you haven't already, get serious about school! Colleges will consider your cumulative GPA but will also look for improvement.
- Consider community service or other outside-of-school activities part of your education.
- Check the [CCHS website for clubs and activities](#).
- Talk as a family about paying for college. Ask parents about geographic or financial concerns that may affect your college search. Attend our **Financial Aid and Scholarship Workshop** in October.
- Visit with college reps who come to Creek. Check Naviance and the bulletin board outside the Post Grad Center for scheduled visits and sign up online to attend.
- Attend the Greater Denver College Fair and National College Fair and Workshop.
- Attend Out-of-State and In-State College Nights.
- Register for the **PSAT/NMSQT** - This is a practice test for the **SAT**; a high score can qualify students for National Merit Scholarship consideration.



Course Requirements for Graduation in Cherry Creek

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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.*

WINTER/SPRING

- Schedule your Junior Conference! Parents are invited. Prior to your conference, you must complete the **Junior Conference Questionnaire (About Me—Surveys from Your School)** and update your Academic Planning (Courses link) in Naviance Student.
- Students attend **Creek 301 Junior Assembly** (required) and parents attend *College 301 Junior Parent Night*.
- Attend CREEK TO COLLEGE: *A College Planning Workshop for Parents and Students*.
- Start a list of colleges you may be interested in based on majors, location, size and tuition using college search tools in Naviance. Visit colleges.
- Research schools and take note of application/financial aid requirements and deadlines.
- Register for appropriate senior classes. Colleges want to see the most demanding schedule that you can successfully manage.

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WINTER/SPRING

- Start researching scholarships. Some deadlines are in early fall of your senior year.
- Attend *College Counseling Lunchtime Junior Workshops*, 5th period. Dates are listed on CCHSPostgrad.com.
- Register for the **ACT** and/or **SAT**. Note: All juniors will be given the State SAT during school hours in April.
- Visit the **Denver Spring College Fair** in April.
- Playing sports in college? Check NCAA eligibility requirements. Order transcripts to be sent to NCAA at the **end** of your junior year for initial eligibility clearance.
- Begin brainstorming ideas for your college and scholarship essays.
- Register for the [College Opportunity Fund](http://CollegeOpportunityFund) (COF).
- If you will be applying to any service academies, schedule and have your **senior** conference before end of school year. Gather info regarding nomination process.

Colorado Higher Education Admissions Requirements (HEAR)*

Total 17.0 credits

English	4.0 credits
Social Studies.....	3.0 credits
Math.....	4.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
World Language**	1.0 credits
Academic Electives	2.0 credits

*Minimum requirements for consideration to most four-year colleges and universities in Colorado.

**Many colleges require two-three years of World Language.

College & Career Ready Benchmarks 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.

Competency Menu	English	Math
Next Generation Accuplacer	241 on Reading or 236 on writing	255 on AR or 230 on QAS
Classic Accuplacer	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	2
ASVAB	31 st Percentile	31 st Percentile
Concurrent Enrollment	Passing Grade	Passing Grade
IB	4	4
SAT	470	500
District Capstone	Secondary Literacy Assessment	Portfolio of Skills Exams
Industry Certificate	District Determined	District Determined
Performance Based Assessment (PBA)	State Determined	State Determined