



# COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE: FRESHMEN

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## FALL

- Learn your username and password for *PowerSchool*, *Creekmail* and *Naviance Student*.
- Get familiar with Grade Point Average (GPA), what it means, and how it's calculated. (See Bear Facts p. 5.)
- Check out **CCHS graduation requirements** (see below).
- Plan ahead for college! Learn about **Colorado Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR)** (see below).
- Parents and Students - Learn about *Naviance Student*!
- Carefully consider and complete your **CCHS Four Year Academic Plan** on *Naviance* (State of Colorado freshman MyCAP requirements).
- Learn how to study. Ask for help. Find out when your teachers have off periods and where their offices are located.
- Find out who your counselor is and where their office is located.
- Balance school work with activities. Explore and learn new skills.
- Attend **College 101 Freshman Family Night** in November, intended for students and families who are new to the college planning process.
- Check out the many **clubs** and **athletic teams** at Creek. Look at Activities on the CCHS website.

## SPRING

- Start asking questions about college: Should I go? Why or why not? Talk to your parents/guardians about how you will pay for college.
- Thinking about playing sports in college? Learn about the **NCAA** eligibility requirements. (See Bear Facts p. 62.)
- Look into summer jobs, volunteering and/or other enrichment 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.*

### 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

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

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

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

Board Policy IKF

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 <sup>st</sup> Percentile	31 <sup>st</sup> 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