

What it Takes to Graduate



Four Things to Graduate

NEW! There are now four things your child will need in order to graduate from Westminster Public Schools.



A mix of “core classes,” or foundational academics such as English language arts, math, social studies and science

Electives, guided by your child’s career and college goals

Meeting a “readiness benchmark” in math and English language arts, which goes beyond grades to demonstrate your child is ready for graduation.

A Future Plan that shows he or she is ready to pursue a career after high school.

Core Classes & Electives

In addition to the core classes every student takes, your child’s Future Plan will help determine his or her “electives,” or extra classes that relate to his or her career or individual interests.

Westminster High School has a course catalogue that details the number of required courses and the order in which they are taken.

Readiness Benchmark

Your child will also complete a “readiness benchmark” in **both** English Language Arts **and** math. A few examples of a readiness benchmark include:

1. An SAT score of 470 in English Language Arts and 500 in math. The SAT is a test that is required for admission to college, and every WPS student takes it. **OR**
2. A passing grade in a “concurrent enrollment” class, which is a FREE college class that your child may take while still in high school **OR**
3. An Advanced Placement (AP) test score of 2 or higher or an International Baccalaureate (IB) test score of 4 or higher. AP and IB classes are rigorous and can earn students FREE college credit while still in high school.

DREAM PLAN DO

Help your child keep all options open!

Good attendance, working hard in school and staying at or above grade level in all classes will help with EVERY career and college goal.

Starting in 8th grade, read, understand, and prepare to help your child complete the new graduation requirements!

Future Plan

A Future Plan helps students find a career, by learning about who they are, what kind of life they want, and how to get there.



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