

Plan A

Community & Technical Colleges

This plan includes the *minimum requirements for graduating from a Federal Way School District high school*. It also prepares your child for entry into community or technical colleges.

Requirements for Decatur, Federal Way, and Thomas Jefferson High Schools

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of History/Social Studies
- 3 or 4 credits of Mathematics*
- 2.5 credits of Science
- 2 credits of PE
- 1 credit of Occupational Skills classes
- 1 credit of Fine Arts classes
- .5 credit of health
- 5.5 credits in student choice of classes

Total: 23.5

(24 credits available in 4 years)

Requirements for Todd Beamer High School

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of History/Social Studies
- 3 or 4 credits of Mathematics*
- 3 credits of Science
- 2 credits of PE
- 1 credit of occupational classes
- 1 credit of fine arts classes
- .5 credit of Health
- 12.5 credits in student choice of classes

Total: 31

(32 credits available in 4 years)

Testing:

- Meet the state's Reading, Writing and Math testing requirements
- Complete a Master Portfolio, which includes a 13th Year Plan and Culminating Project (Collection of Best Works)
- Science WASL required for 2013 graduates

Plan B

4-year Colleges and Universities

This plan will prepare your child for entry into most 4-year colleges and universities if your child's level of achievement is adequate.

In addition to completing the graduation requirements of Plan A, students must complete the following:

- Mathematics — Complete mathematics through a *minimum* of Advanced Algebra*
- Science — Complete a minimum of 1 credit of algebra-based science, such as chemistry or physics
- Complete at least 2 consecutive years of a Foreign Language

In addition, the following is recommended:

- Complete 1-2 AP, IB or Cambridge classes
- Take math all 4 years in high school

Additional testing:

- Take the PSAT in the Junior Year
- Take the SAT I (Reasoning Test) or the ACT in Spring of Junior year and/or Fall of Senior year

Extracurricular activities also recommended:

- Be involved in extracurricular activities such as school leadership, clubs, athletics, and/or volunteering

**For the class of 2012 and beyond, college bound students must take a math class or math-based science class in their senior year, unless they have previously completed pre-calculus and met the state's Math requirements.*

Plan C

Selective 4-year Colleges and Universities

This plan will prepare your child for entry into selective colleges and universities, including military academies. Grades and SAT scores should be at a high level.

In addition to completing the graduation requirements of Plan A, students must complete the following:

- English — 2 credits of rigorous English, such as AP, IB, Cambridge, and/or College Writing
- Mathematics — Complete mathematics through a minimum of Pre-Calculus
- Science — Complete 3 to 4 years of science, including a year of algebra-based science, such as chemistry or physics
- Complete at least 2 consecutive years (3 recommended) of a Foreign Language
- Complete several AP, IB or Cambridge classes

Additional testing:

- Take the PSAT in the Junior Year
- Take the SAT I (Reasoning Test) or the ACT in the Junior year or early Senior year
- Take at least two different SAT II Subject Tests

Extracurricular activities also recommended:

- Be involved in extracurricular activities such as school leadership, clubs, athletics, and/or volunteering
- Use extra time to do something that broadens your knowledge, such as volunteering, working, and taking enriching educational classes

**For the class of 2012 and beyond, college bound students must take a math class or math-based science class in their senior year, unless they have previously completed pre-calculus and met the state's Math requirements.*

Continue to review your graduation plan on an annual basis. See your guidance support specialist or school counselor for specific details about courses or check the HECB requirements at www.hecb.wa.gov/research/issues/admissions.asp

Graduation Year: _____ **Choose:** Plan A Plan B Plan C

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Print Name: _____



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