

Graduation Requirements
Colton High School
Class of 2022 and beyond
(updated as changes occur)

Courses	Minimum Requirements Colton School District	Minimum Washington State Requirements	Minimum requirements for public four-year colleges and universities	Recommended courses for highly selective four-year colleges and universities
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English	4 Credits (1 credit each English 1, 2, 3 & 4)	4 (3 credits college preparatory plus elective)	4 years (3 credits college preparatory plus elective)	4 years (3 credits college preparatory plus elective)
Math	3 Credits (required Algebra 1*, Geometry, and 1 other math credit**)	3 (required Algebra 1*, Geometry, and 1 other math credit**)	3-4 Years (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 recommend an additional math credit senior year)	4 Years (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 plus an additional quantitative math/science course)
Science	3 Credits (2 lab science required plus another science credit**)	3 (2 lab science required plus another science credit**)	3 Years (At least 1 algebra based science/2 lab-based credit plus another credit)	4 Years (At least 1 algebra based science/2 lab-based credit plus another credit)
Social Studies	4 Credits (.5 Civics, 1 US History, 1 CWI, 1.5 Elective)	3 (.5 Civics, 1 US History, .5 CWI or Geography, 1 Elective)	3 Years	4 Years
World Languages	2 Credits (both credits may be ppr***)	2 (both credits may be ppr***)	2-3 Years (same language)	3-4 Years
Arts	2 Credits (1 credit may be ppr***)	2 (1 credit may be ppr***)	2 Years (one must be fine, visual, performing arts)	2-3 Years
Career and Technology (CTE and Occupational Ed)	3 Credits (1 Advanced computers, 1 School to Work, 1 Elective)	1		
Health & Fitness	2 Credits* (.5 Health, 1.5 Fitness)	2 (.5 Health, 1.5 Fitness)		
Electives	5	4		
Total Credits	28	24	17-19	21-23
Additional State Graduation Requirements	Washington State History (.5) High School and Beyond Plan Graduation Pathway**** <i>Note: Individual school districts may have additional graduation requirements beyond state minimums</i>			

*Algebra 1 taken in middle school is automatically added to the high school transcript. Students and parents may choose not to add it to the high school transcript. Washington State History is taken in Middle School and transcribed to the high school transcript.

**The 3rd credit of science and the 3rd credit of math are chosen by the student based on the student's interest and High School and Beyond Plan, and approved by the parent or guardian, or if the parent or guardian is unavailable or does not indicate a preference, the school counselor or principal ([WAC 180-51-068](#)).

***Personalized Pathway Requirement are related courses that lead to a specific post high school career or educational outcome chosen by the student based on the student's interests and High School and Beyond Plan, that may include Career and Technical Education, and are intended to provide a focus for the student's learning.

***Graduation Pathways

- **State Assessment:** Meet or exceed the graduation scores (Level 3 or 4) in the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics or in WA-AIM (Washington Access to Instruction & Measurement).
- **Dual Credit:** Earn at least one high school credit in ELA and at least one high school credit in math in dual credit courses (Running Start, College in the High School, and/or Career and Technical Education dual credit courses).
- **AP/IB/Cambridge:** For both ELA and math, earn a 3 or higher on certain Advanced Placement (AP) exams or a 4 or higher on certain International Baccalaureate (IB) exams or an E on certain Cambridge International exams, or pass the course with at least a C+. (Not available through Colton School District)
- **SAT/ACT:** Meet or exceed the graduation scores set by SBE in the math and ELA portions of the SAT or ACT.
- **Transition Course:** Pass a transition course in ELA and math (for example, a Bridge to College course) which allows a student to place directly into a credit-bearing college level course.
- **Combination:** Meet any combination of at least one ELA and one math option of those options listed in 1-5.
- **ASVAB:** Meet standard on the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) by scoring at least the minimum established by the military for eligibility to serve in a branch of the armed services.*
- **CTE Sequence:** Complete a sequence of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses.*

*For more detailed information about earning a high school diploma including; graduation coursework and credit requirement, high school and beyond plans and graduation pathways go to State Board of Education Website <https://www.sbe.wa.gov/>

4 Year Course Planner: Utilizing the High School and Beyond Plan linked through Skyward/WSPIC/My School Data students can enter available courses through Colton High School. See example below.