

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



When you graduate from a DPS high school, we want you to leave with choices, prepared for career and college success in your future. Starting with our Class of 2021 (students who are juniors during the 2019-20 school year), **you must complete the following three graduation requirements in order to graduate:**



COMPLETE AN INDIVIDUALIZED CAREER AND ACADEMIC PLAN (ICAP)

An ICAP is a very useful guidance tool in college and career planning, as it helps you identify what type of career you're interested in pursuing, which courses to take to fulfill graduation requirements and what you'll need to do now to be successful. With help from your counselors, teachers and parents, you'll use your ICAP as a tool to set goals and learn about career and college opportunities and financial aid.

COMPLETE REQUIRED COURSEWORK

As you work through your ICAP goals, you'll pick out classes to take in high school that will help you successfully meet graduation requirements. You are required to complete a total of 24 units of credit in specific areas in order to graduate.

English Language Arts: **4 units**

Social Studies: **3 units**

Arts or eligible Career and Technical Education (CTE): **1 unit**

Math: **4 units**

Physical Education: **1 unit**

Science: **3 units**

Approved electives: **8 units**

FULFILL COMPETENCY DEMONSTRATIONS:

Show what you know in English, math, career:

Under this requirement, you'll show your level of understanding of content and that you're able to build on skills and apply them in career and college.

In order to graduate from DPS, every student must demonstrate competency in English and math, or career readiness by completing one or more items in the competency menu below. Competency demonstration options may be specific to English or math, or they may be comprehensive options.



**We know our students learn in many different ways!
See back for the full list of competency options you can earn.**

COMPETENCY MENU

Each of the options in our competency requirement menu opens the door to a future opportunity for a graduate. We encourage you to complete as many of the options as possible so that you are prepared for a variety of opportunities after graduation.

ENGLISH AND MATH COMPETENCY MENU OPTIONS		
Math Capstone	Successful completion of capstone tasks	
Literacy Capstone	Successful completion of capstone tasks	
Accuplacer Classic	95 Sentence Skills	61 Elementary Algebra
Accuplacer Next Generation	241 (Reading) OR 236 (Writing)	255 (Arithmetic/AR) OR 230 (Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra & Statistics/QAS) OR 245 (Advanced Algebra & Functions/AAF)
American College Testing (ACT)	18	19
ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate	Bronze or Higher	
Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	2	2
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	31 (composite)	
Concurrent Enrollment	C- or higher in eligible course	C- or higher in eligible course
International Baccalaureate (IB)	4	4
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	470	500

CAREER CAPSTONE COMPETENCY MENU OPTIONS	
Successful completion of portfolio criteria	
Career Readiness Capstone Portfolio	Transition Readiness Capstone Portfolio



MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON TRACK TO GRADUATE!

We want to make sure you're fully informed on graduation requirements and career and college opportunities. For more details on each competency menu option, please talk to your school counselor and visit collegeandcareer.dpsk12.org.