

Plan A

Community & Technical Colleges

This plan includes the *minimum requirements for graduating from a Federal Way Public Schools 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 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 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
- 13.5 credits in student choice of classes

Total: 31.5

(32 credits available in 4 years)

Testing:

- Pass all of Washington State's required assessments.
- Complete a Master Portfolio/13th Year Plan.

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.

Complete all the high school graduation requirements of Plan A, plus the following:

- English — Should include college prep literature and composition.
- Mathematics* — Complete mathematics through a *minimum* of advanced algebra. More math highly recommended.
- Science — Complete at least 1 credit of algebra-based science, such as chemistry or physics.
- World/Foreign Language — Complete a minimum of 2 consecutive years in the same language.

In addition, the following is recommended:

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

Testing:

- Take the PSAT in October of the junior year.
- Take the SAT I (reasoning test) or the ACT *with writing* in Spring of junior year and/or October 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 testing requirements.*

Plan C

Highly 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.

Complete all the high school graduation requirements of Plan A, plus the following:

- English — Should include college prep literature and composition.
- Mathematics* — Complete 4 years of mathematics through a *minimum* of pre-calculus. Calculus highly recommended.
- Science — Complete 3 to 4 credits of science, including at least 1 credit of algebra-based science, such as chemistry or physics.
- World/Foreign Language — Complete 3 to 4 consecutive years of a foreign language.
- Complete 4 or more AP, IB or Cambridge classes.

Testing:

- Take the PSAT in October of the junior year.
- Take the SAT I (Reasoning Test) or the ACT *with writing* in Spring of junior year and/or October of senior year.
- Take at least two different SAT II subject tests in June of junior year.

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.

Review your graduation plan on an annual basis. Check college websites for specific admissions requirements. See the OSPI website at www.k12.wa.us for details and proposed changes to State graduation requirements. See the HECB website at www.hecb.wa.gov for details and proposed changes to Washington's college admissions requirements.

Graduation Year _____ Choose: Plan A Plan B Plan C

Student Name _____ Student ID _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



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