



Graduation Requirements

The high school diploma awarded by GOAL Academy represents a high standard of quality in curriculum content, instruction, and student learning, and should be maintained as a document that reflects substantial effort by the student and the school in preparation for the world of work and higher education.

Each student who enters GOAL Academy will develop a personal graduation plan. This plan will set his/her intended course of study as he/she begins the journey toward graduation. The student and school counselor will review and amend the graduation plan each semester. In order to be eligible to graduate from GOAL Academy a student must complete at least one GOAL Academy class.

A Regional Principal may waive a given requirement if, in the Principal's judgment, it is determined to be in the best educational interest of the student or if required in order to provide a student with disabilities a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

A high school diploma from GOAL Academy certifies that a student has fulfilled all graduation requirements. Twenty-two (22) credits of study shall be required through grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 for students to graduate and receive a high school diploma, each graduate must have a complete ICAP.

The State of Colorado has established the Colorado Graduation Guidelines beginning with the graduating class of 2021. These guidelines allow students to demonstrate competency in the areas of English and Math in other ways, beyond course completion. The content area requirements are as listed below:

Graduation Requirements - Traditional Track

1. Language Arts (4 credits)

A minimum of 4 credits shall be earned. Students will be placed in language arts classes at their appropriate skill level. A maximum of 2 remedial language arts credits will count toward the language arts total in addition to (1 credit) English 9, and (1 credit) English 10. Competency in Language Arts may also be demonstrated with one of the following scores:

- Accuplacer – Reading Comprehension – 62
- ACT English – 18
- WorkKeys – Silver Certificate

- SAT – English – 430
- ASVAB – English 31
- Reading Plus – Level L
- STAR360 Reading – 1139 Scale Score

2. Social Studies (3 credits)

A minimum of 3 credits shall be earned: .5 credit in Civics or Government required.

3. Science (2 credits)

A minimum of 2 credits shall be earned in approved science courses.

4. Mathematics (3 credits)

A minimum of 3 credits shall be earned. Students will be placed in math classes at their appropriate skill level. A maximum of 1 remedial math credit will count toward the math total in addition to 2 credits of high school level math courses. High school level math courses may include Pre-Algebra, Algebra, or higher level courses. Four credits are recommended for students planning to enroll in a 4 year college. Competency in Math may also be demonstrated with one of the following scores:

- Accuplacer – Elementary Algebra – 61
- ACT – Math – 19
- WorkKeys – Silver Certificate
- SAT – Math – 460
- ASVAB – Math – 31
- STAR360 Math – 823 Scale Score

5. Physical Education/Health (1 credit)

A minimum of .5 credit of Health and .5 credit of Physical Education shall be earned or an equivalent shall exempt the student from the PE requirement. Equivalent shall include: Participation in a full athletic season with student's home district school, or well documented participation in a community based program (dance, martial arts, etc.).

Criteria governing physical education exemptions:

- a. The student must maintain academic eligibility for the entire season.
- b. One full sport season is required to exempt a student from .5 credits of P.E. requirement,
- c. The waiver must be requested in the same semester that the sport is played.
- d. A grade of Pass/Fail will be awarded for Athletic participation and will not count toward GPA.

6. World Language (0 credits)

No credits are required for graduation, however 4 semesters of coursework in one continuous language is recommended for students planning to enroll in a 4 year college.

7. Electives (9 credits)

A minimum of 9 credits shall be earned from an approved electives list

Flexible Acceleration Success Track (FAST) Program

The Flexible Accelerated Success Track or FAST Program is a plan of study option for GOAL Academy students to earn their high school diploma. The FAST plan of study is competency based and is aligned to CDE's prepared graduate competencies. The FAST Program focuses on preparing students to be successful in the workforce and/or in postsecondary education. Admission requirements for the FAST program include:

- Highly motivated
- Behind in earning high school credit
- At least two years of previous high school
- 17 years old
- Students must read at the 8th- grade level
- Recommendation to the program by teacher/principal

Graduation Requirements – FAST Program

- English – 3.5 credits
- Math – 2 credits
- Science – 3 Credits
- Social Studies – 3 credits
- Electives – vary
- Students must exit program reading at a 10th grade level
- Silver National Career Readiness Certificate
- Career Exploration: Internship or Work Experience Competency