

Core 24 Information

Who: Students in the class of 2019 and beyond (current 8th grade students)

What: Core 24 is a set of credit requirements for high school graduation. It involves students developing a **high school and beyond plan** in order to align their coursework choices with college and career goals.

Where: High Schools in the state of Washington

When: The 24 credit graduation requirement begins with the class of 2019 which is the current 8th grade cohort statewide

Why: To provide students with a **strong academic foundation** and the **flexibility** to prepare them for whatever path they choose (University, College, Career, Apprenticeship, Armed Forces, etc.)

Required Credits:

English – 4 credits

Math – 3 credits

Science – 3 credits (2 credits of lab science)

Social Studies – 3 credits
(Washington History a graduation requirement, no longer a credit-based course)

Arts – 2 credits
(1 credit can be for Personal Pathway Requirement) (Visual or Performing)

Fitness – 1.5 credits

Health – 0.5 credits

Total = 17.0 credits

Personal Pathway Requirements
(to determine one of three diploma types)

College Emphasis

Career Concentration – 3 credits

World Language – 2 credits

Electives – 2 credits

College and Career Ready

Same as College Emphasis

Career Emphasis

Career Concentration – 3 credits

Electives – 4 credits

Total = 7.0 credits

Required credits = 17.0

Personal Pathway credits = 7.0

Total Graduation credits = 24.0

Other Requirements

Some CTE equivalent courses may be used as substitutes. This means that at least one CTE course will be offered as an equivalent to a math and/or science course.

After Algebra I and Geometry students may take a “rigorous” math credit to replace Algebra II if it furthers their career path defined in the high school and beyond plan.

Some requirements may be satisfied in middle school.

Fitness Credits can still be waived per state law.

It’s an increase from 20 to 24 credits with increases in science, arts, and the World Language/Personalized Pathway Requirement (PPR).

Up to 2 credits can be waived based on unusual circumstances.

Sources:

<http://www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.php#.U-JYaYBdUi6>

<http://www.sbe.wa.gov/documents/GradRequirements/GradReqVisualsAug2014.pdf>

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