

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COLLEGE PREPARATION

From 9th - 12th grades, Students should take a minimum of:*

English -- 4 years (40 credit hours)

Some colleges do not allow Speech and Humanities to count toward the 4 years of English

Social Studies -- 3 years (30 credit hours)

Poudre School District requires 35 credit hours for graduation

Foreign Language -- 2 - 3 years (20-30 credit hours)

All years/credit must be earned in the same language

Mathematics – 3 – 4 years (30-40 credit hours)

Most colleges require a full year of each of the following:

Int. 1, Int. 2, Int. 3, and possibly either Pre-Calc-A or Pre Calc.

-OR- Alg. 1, Geom., Alg. 2, and possibly either Pre-Calc-A or Pre. Calc

-OR- An approved combination of any of the above (see your counselor)

Science -- 3 years (30 credit hours)

Biology, ICP, Chemistry or Physics —or— Biology, 10 cr. Phys. Sci. (many to choose from), 10 cr. Adv. Biology courses (many to choose from)

***All of the above should be included in a minimum of 150 up to 180 academic credit hours.**

Academic credits come from courses in the following subject areas:

English, Social Studies, Foreign Language, Mathematics and Science

Two-year college and vocational schools:

Admission usually requires only a high school diploma. Some vocational schools may recommend or require that certain courses be taken.

* These are recommendations only. **To ensure that college admissions requirements are met, it is critical that all college bound students and their parents thoroughly research each college's admissions requirements.** Depending upon the college, some Poudre High School courses will count toward admissions requirements and some will not. For example: Some colleges will not accept Humanities and Speech as part of the English requirement for admission (to be safe, students may want to take 4 year-long English courses in grades 9-12); and, some colleges will require one semester to one year of fine, visual, and/or performing arts in addition to the generally recommended coursework listed above. If you have questions, see your Guidance Counselor.

*** VERY IMPORTANT: See the link entitled “College Entrance Requirements” for colleges in the state of Colorado (Higher Education Admission Requirements/HEAR)**

