



## WHAT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE?

### CREDITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE: 22

ENGLISH = 4 CREDITS

SOCIAL STUDIES = 3 CREDITS

SCIENCE = 3 CREDITS

\*MATH = 3 CREDITS (\*ALL SENIORS MUST BE ENROLLED IN A MATH CLASS THEIR SENIOR YEAR!)

ARTS/HUMANITIES = 1 CREDIT

PE/HEALTH = 1 CREDIT

ELECTIVES = 7 CREDITS

**TOTAL = 22** (do you have what you need to graduate and meet college entrance requirements?)

In addition to required credits, students must complete all mandatory tests: Civic's, ACT, EOC's, K-PREP, etc.

1 Semester of a college class = 1 high school credit

1 Semester of a high school class = .5 credit high school credit

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE** = 2 YEARS REQUIRED TO APPLY TO A 4 YEAR COLLEGE, BUT **NOT NEEDED** TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL. If your plan is to attend BCTC and then transfer to a 4 year institution, you **do not** need 2 years of a foreign language.

All fees (library, cafeteria, technology) must be paid prior to graduation or you will not be allowed to walk at graduation in May.

Pay attention to college deadlines (ie: UK's deadline for applying for scholarships is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, regular deadline is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>)

**FAFSA**= Free Application for Federal Student Aid, apply after Oct. 1st at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (to get money for college- information is based on money earned in your family from Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2019)

\$\$ **KEES** money\$\$-You must earn at least 5 credits per year in order to receive KEES money **and** have your Social Security number on file with your home high school. Have you checked to see how much you have earned? Register at [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com)

In order to send **official transcripts** to the college you are applying to, you must create an account at: [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)

**Common Application**- If you are applying to several schools, please consider using the common application website: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

**Scholarships**- check the website of your home high school often for available scholarships. You can also view scholarships at the college you will be attending and on the KHEAA website ([www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com))

**\$\$\$College Application fees\$\$\$** - if you are on free or reduced lunch some universities will waive the application fee (see Mrs. Edwards or Mrs. Bond to obtain the letter)

### **What do colleges look for to determine admission?**

Different colleges/universities look at different guidelines. Please check with an admissions officer at the college in which you are interested in order to see if you meet the requirements of their institution. Many universities are accepting students based on the “Holistic approach”. They consider all aspects of your life: grades, ACT scores, class rank, high school courses taken, community and extracurricular involvement, leadership positions or anything unique about you that might bring diversity to their campus. Some schools have staff write letters of recommendations or have you write an essay or submit a personal statement.

**ACT**- do you need to retake this exam? go to: [www.act.org/bts](http://www.act.org/bts)

\*ACT (no writing) = \$55      ACT (with writing) = \$70

\*You may qualify for an ACT fee waiver, see Mrs. Edwards or Mrs. Bond

<u><b>ACT TEST DATES:</b></u>	<u><b>Registration Deadlines:</b></u>	<u><b>Late fee deadlines:</b></u>
<b>October: 10,17,24,25 2020</b>	Sept. 17th	Sept. 25th
<b>December 12, 2020</b>	Nov. 6th	November 20th
<b>February 6, 2021</b>	January 8th	January, 15th
<b>April 17, 2021</b>	March 12th	March 26th
<b>June 12, 2021</b>	May 7th	May 21st
<b>July 17, 2021</b>	June 18th	June 25th