



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Criteria for Receiving a NCHS Diploma

- A student who has been a full-time home-schooled student through the junior year must attend NCHS full-time for their senior year to establish a GPA.
- For a transfer student, the previous high school transcript grades will be entered on our rolls and evaluated to determine the NCHS classes needed to meet NCHS graduation requirements.
- For students who have been enrolled full-time at NCHS as freshmen and sophomores and enter Running Start or New Market Vocational Skill Center as a part-time junior or senior, a combination of grades from both institutions for credits will be added to the student's transcript for an NCHS diploma (this assumes equivalencies to meet NCHS required credits).
- Students attending Running Start or New Market must take a minimum of four (4) classes at NCHS during their Junior and Senior years.
- Part time students seeking an NCHS diploma must take Bible courses through NCHS.

Criteria for Receiving a NCHS Honors Diploma

- For students who have been enrolled full-time at NCHS until their senior year and enter New Market Vocational Skill Center as a part-time senior, a combination of grades from both institutions for credits will be added to the student's transcript for an NCHS diploma (this assumes equivalencies which meet NCHS required credits).
- A student who has been a full-time home-schooled student through the junior year must attend NCHS full-time their senior year to establish a GPA.
- For a transfer student, the previous high school transcript grades will be recorded and evaluated to determine the NCHS classes needed to meet NCHS graduation requirements.
- For students who have been full-time at NCHS for the first three years and are close to completing requirements, a minimum of four NCHS credits are required during their senior year.
- Students must earn a 3.5 (minimum) cumulative GPA and 27 credits to earn an NCHS honors diploma. Students are required to have 4 years of Math and 4 years of Science for the additional credits.
- Students may not be enrolled in adaptive or international student courses during the junior and senior years.
- An honors diploma will not be granted if a student takes a class with another institution that was otherwise offered at NCHS. If NCHS does not offer a specific class, then an online class may be approved to count towards the honors diploma.
- A student with a scheduling conflict for a core subject, such as math, science, English, or social science, may request an online exception with administrative approval.

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Comparison of NCHS & WA State Graduation Requirements

NCHS Graduation Requirements—25 credits

Subject	Credits	Additional Information
Bible	4	1 year for each year at NCHS*
English	4	Public Speaking
Math	3	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 or Geometry
Science	3	At least two lab A 3rd credit of science
Social Studies	3	World History US History Government/Economics
Arts	2	
World Language	2	Must be 2 years of the same language
Health & Fitness	2	.5 credits of Health 1.5 credits of Fitness <i>Physical education is required unless excused per RCW28A.230.050 - All 9th graders are required to take PE and Health</i>
Career & Technical Education	1	
Electives	1	

WA State Graduation Requirements—24 credits

Subject	Credits	Additional Information
English	4	
Math	3	
Science	3	At least two lab A 3rd credit of science
Social Studies	3	
Arts	2	
World Language	2	Must be 2 years of the same language
Health & Fitness	2	.5 credits of Health 1.5 credits of Fitness Students must earn credit for physical education unless excused per RCW28A.230.050
Career & Technical Education	1	
Electives	4	

Also Required:

Washington State History
NCHS & Beyond

Typical Yearly Breakdown

This breakdown is a typical, yet flexible, yearly course schedule of graduation requirements each year.

Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
• Bible 1 • English 9 • Math • Science • World Language • Art/ Tech Ed/ or Elective • PE & Health (required for all 9th graders)	• Bible 2 • English 10 • World History • Science • Math • 2nd year of World Language • Art/ Tech Ed/ or Elective	• Bible Elective • Public Speaking • US History • Science • Math • Art/ Tech Ed/ or Elective	• Bible Elective • Literature or Creative Writing • US Gov/ Economics • Art/ Tech Ed/ or Elective

Also required:

- 1.5 Health and Fitness Credits (after 9th grade, can be fulfilled through sports or PE elective option) • WA State History (usually completed in middle school)
- **The NCHS & Beyond plan:** This is a requirement for graduation. The Washington State Office of Public Instruction issued a directive to all Washington schools: *"To graduate from high school, all students must develop a High School and Beyond Plan on how they will meet the high school graduation requirements and what they will do following high school. A student's plan... is revised as he/she moves forward, and should include the classes needed to prepare for a postsecondary pathway, such as a two-year or four-year college, technical college, apprenticeship program, certificate program, the workforce or military training."* (ESHB 2224)

At NCHS, we have developed a plan that is unique to each grade level but will finalize with each student possessing a portfolio of helpful tools, best works, awards, and certificates. We encourage the students to think of this as their brag book and use it as a resource when applying to colleges and universities. A few of the activities involved include: a learning style survey, a career interest inventory, a job application, and a job shadow. This experience will help prepare our NCHS students for life beyond high school. Each student is part of a cohort that meets quarterly with one of our teachers who serves as the cohort advisor. Assignments for the quarter are verified by the advisor so that each student stays on track. The student must complete each of the assignments for the year. For more information on state requirements, students and families can visit the the State Board of Education website:

<https://sbe.wa.gov/our-work/graduation-requirements/graduation-requirements-class-2024-and-beyond#credits>