

What are the new graduation requirements?

Colorado Graduation Guidelines are a road map to help students and their families plan for success after high school. In September 2015, the Colorado State Board of Education adopted a comprehensive set of guidelines to be used by each school district's board of education in establishing requirements for students to receive a high school diploma. Starting with the class of 2021 and each class thereafter, Academy District 20 students will be required to meet new graduation requirements.

Graduates will now need to:

- meet coursework requirements of 50 credits (this has not changed since being adopted in 2010), and
- demonstrate proficiency in both math and English Language Arts (ELA) as determined by the Colorado Department of Education.

For more information please see the Academy District 20 Administrative Policy IKF at:

[https://www.boarddocs.com/co/asd20/Board.nsf/files/AHRUDX7B9D85/\\$file/IKF%20final%201.19.17.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/co/asd20/Board.nsf/files/AHRUDX7B9D85/$file/IKF%20final%201.19.17.pdf)

How can students demonstrate proficiency in ELA (English Language Arts) and Math to meet these new requirements?

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has established four options for meeting the math and ELA proficiency requirements. Students may demonstrate proficiency by:

- 1) attaining a minimum cut score on a CDE approved assessment,
- 2) obtaining an industry certification approved for math and/or ELA
- 3) earning a C- or higher in an approved English or math concurrent enrollment course, or
- 4) obtaining a passing score on a capstone project.

All four of these options are available to D20 students. The Colorado Department of Education keeps an updated list of approved assessments with corresponding cut scores at:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/grad-menu> and it is also in the attached PDF: *20-Graduation Guidelines Fact Sheet*.

What is Rampart doing to support the current Juniors in meeting these new Graduation Requirements?

We will be holding a meeting for all Juniors during Academic Time on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 in the Auditorium. In this meeting we will present the students with additional information about these new requirements. We will also demonstrate how students can access their College Board Account: <https://www.collegeboard.org/> in order to check their PSAT Score from last year as well as access important resources. In the Junior meeting, we will also go over the Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) as well as resources and tools to help with preparing for standardized tests such as the SAT and ASVAB so all students have the opportunity to be successful.

We will be using the PSAT as a predictor of scores on the SAT. If a student scores near or below 470 in the Evidence Based Reading & Writing and/or near or below 500 in Math, it's possible that they may not pass the cut scores needed on the SAT in April. In order to help mitigate this, the ASVAB test will be offered for all Juniors at Rampart on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. The ASVAB is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and is denoted on the approved CDE assessment list. Students who score 31 or above on the English and Math portions will meet the new graduation requirement. If you have any question or concern about the ASVAB, know that recruiters will not have access to scores nor do

colleges/universities that your student may be considering. We strongly encourage all students to sit for this test, but if you would like to opt your student out, you'll need to fill out the attached form and return it to Allison Weist in the Counseling Department no later than December 10, 2019 (so we can schedule the appropriate number of proctors prior to winter break).

What is the relevancy of the Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) in Naviance?

Each student in grades 6-12 maintains an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) in their personal Naviance Account. The ICAP sets a course of study and establishes a meaningful postsecondary plan for each student based on completion of all requirements for graduation from Academy District 20 schools.

How will parents and students know about their progress toward meeting graduation requirements?

Students and parents/guardians will be notified during the fall of the senior year if students have not yet met the proficiency requirements for ELA and math. Students and parents will also be informed if students are not on track to meet the 50 credit requirement.

Who is tracking the data, and how is it being tracked?

Students and parents/guardians will also be able to track student progress toward the 50 credit requirement and math and ELA proficiency requirements through the Academic Planner that will be made available on the Parent Portal.

We hope that by being proactive, we'll increase your student's ability to successfully graduate from Rampart High School in May of 2021!