

## Requirements for Promotion and Graduation

A minimum of 26.25 total credits, as outlined on the following pages, are required to be earned in grades 9-12. It is the student's and parent's responsibility to know the requirements for promotion and graduation and to make plans accordingly. The credits listed below are minimum requirements; however, students are encouraged to take additional credits and/or higher-level courses. *All students are required to schedule and maintain a minimum of 7.00 credits each academic year unless otherwise approved by a principal.*

### Minimum Credit Requirements for Promotion for All Students

**In order to be promoted each year, students must pass a minimum number of credits. Listed below is the minimum total number of credits a student must have earned by the end of each grade to be promoted to the next grade level. Opportunities for credit recovery will be available during the summer at a cost to the student.**

9	5.00
10	10.00
11	17.25
Graduation	26.25

These requirements are established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the West Allegheny School District. Students and parents are reminded that ALL credits AND requirements must be satisfied upon the completion of a student's senior year to participate in commencement ceremonies. Throughout the following pages, courses may be denoted using one or more of the symbols below.

*	Course weighted on a 4.5 GPA scale
**	Course weighted on a 5.0 GPA scale
⌘	Course eligible for college credit through our Early College in High School Academy (ECIHSA)
⌘⌘	Awaiting final approval from our higher education partner
✓	Course eligible for industry-based credential
c	Course may count toward core course credit required for graduation – see the graduation requirements page for more information
(S)	Semester Course

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## Full-Time West Allegheny Students

Requirement Category	Min Credit	Minimum Course Requirements	4 <sup>th</sup> year Course Options	
English	4	English 9 or Honors English 9* English 10 or Honors English 10* Eng 11, College Eng 11, or AP Eng Lang**☞ Course from 4 <sup>th</sup> Year Course Options	English 12 College Readiness English 12 AP English Lit & Comp**☞ Creative Writing AP Research **	Oral Communications **☞ Classic & Modern Lit **☞ Film Studies **☞ <i>Approved course from an ECIHSA Dual Enrollment partner</i>
Mathematics	4	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 or HEC Algebra 2**☞ Geometry Course from 4 <sup>th</sup> Year Course Options	Introduction to Algebra Honors Trig & Precalculus* AP Precalculus** Discrete Math Personal Finance**☞ AP Statistics**☞ AP Calculus AB**☞ AP Calculus BC**☞ Intro Data Analy w/Python**☞	AP Comp Sci Principles** AP Computer Science A**☞ Financial Accounting**☞ Managerial Accounting**☞ AP Economics**☞ 2D/3D Game Development**☞ Programming in C# & C++**☞ <i>Approved course from a ECIHSA Dual Enrollment partner</i>
Science	4	Biology w/Lab or Honors Biology w/Lab* Concept Chem or Honors Chemistry* Concept Physics, Physics, AP Physics 1**☞ Course from 4 <sup>th</sup> Year Course Options	AP Biology**☞ AP Chemistry**☞ AP Physics 2** Forensics Science Honors Anatomy & Physiology* Exercise Science Environmental Sustainability Virtual Reality**☞ Digital Electronics **☞	Green Energy (WAVA) Health Sciences (WAVA) Forestry & Natrl Res (S1-WAVA) Intro to Astronomy (S-WAVA) Intro to Marine Bio (S-WAVA) Intro to Vet Science (S2-WAVA) <i>Approved course from a ECIHSA Dual Enrollment partner</i>
Social Studies	4	U.S. History or Honors U.S. History* Amer Gov, Hon Amer Gov*, AP US Gov**☞ World Cultures or AP World History** Course from 4 <sup>th</sup> Year Course Options	Criminal Justice & Invest**☞ AP Psychology**☞+ Honors Psychology & Sociology* Sociology of Sports (S) Current Affairs (S) Hon Holocaust & Genocide Stud* Hon African Amer & Multicult St* AP Seminar** Spanish III HEC Spanish IV**☞ AP Spanish Lang & Culture** German III HEC German IV**☞ AP German Lang & Culture**	Business, Law, & Society **☞ Game Prod & Marketing**☞ USMC Junior ROTC IV French III (WAVA) French IV (WAVA)* AP French Lang & Cul (WAVA)** AP U.S. History (WAVA)** Women's Studies (S-WAVA) Intro to World Religion (S-WAVA) Intro to Military Car (S-WAVA) Intro to Archaeology (S-WAVA) <i>Approved course from a ECIHSA Dual Enrollment partner</i>
Physical Education	0.5	Physical Education, Physical Conditioning, Dance, Dance Company, Aquatics and Lifeguarding*, Exercise Science		
Health	0.5	Health 9 & Health 10		
Elective		9.25		
State Assessment		Proficient or Advanced on the Keystone Exams in Literature, Algebra I, and Biology OR Demonstration of proficiency through an alternate pathway		
Career Readiness		Completion of Civics Exam taken during American Government, Honors American Government, AP US Government & Politics Successful completion of the Career and Education Work Standards Portfolio including Career Seminar requirements Successful completion of Industry Based Learning Experience		
Total Required		26.25		

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## Parkway West CTC Students

Any student who enrolls in a program offered at Parkway West CTC for a minimum of three years, including the senior year, will be required to earn a minimum of three credits of science and social studies, as long as the student meets the minimum required courses for each core academic area. A student who chooses not to re-enroll in a Parkway West program they attended previously would default to the requirements of a non-CTC student. This decision may result in the need to take more than one course in the core areas in a year, limiting elective options. *All students are required to schedule and maintain a minimum of 7.00 credits each academic year.*

Requirement Category	Minimum Credits	Minimum Course Requirements for All Students
English	4	English 9 or Honors English 9* English 10 or Honors English 10* English 11, College Readiness English 11, or AP English Language & Composition** <del>Ⓢ</del> Additional Course from 4 <sup>th</sup> Year Course Options (see page 6)
Mathematics	4	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 or HEC Algebra 2** <del>Ⓢ</del> Geometry Additional Course from 4 <sup>th</sup> Year Course Options (see page 6)
Science	3	Biology with Lab or Honors Biology with Lab* Conceptual Chemistry, Honors Chemistry*, or Chemical Properties (PWCTC) Conceptual Physics, Physics, AP Physics 1** <del>Ⓢ</del> , or Principles of Tech (PWCTC)
Social Studies	3	U.S. History, Honors U.S. History*, or US History II (PWCTC) American Gov, Honors American Gov*, AP US Gov & Politics** <del>Ⓢ</del> , or Civics (PWCTC) World Cultures, AP World History**, or World Cultures (PWCTC)
Physical Education	0.5	Physical Education, Physical Conditioning, Dance, Dance Company, Aquatics and Lifeguarding*, Exercise Science
Health	0.5	Health 9 & Health 10
Elective (at Parkway CTC)	12.25	
State Assessment	Proficient or Advanced on the Keystone Exams in Literature, Algebra I, and Biology OR Demonstration of proficiency through an alternate pathway	
Career Readiness	Completion of Civics Exam taken during American Gov, Honors American Gov, AP US Gov & Politics, Civics (PWCTC) Successful completion of the Career and Education Work Standards Portfolio including Career Seminar requirements Successful completion of Industry Based Learning Experience	
TOTAL	26.25	