



COMPONENTS OF THE CULMINATING PROJECT:

1. A proposal that includes:
 - The topic and how it relates to the student's personal community service, career, cultural or academic interest
 - The stated goal of the project
 - Major steps to be completed
 - Identification and approval of an advisor
 - A proposed timeline for completion
 - Estimated costs
 - Parent permission
2. Project documentation that will include:
 - An annotated bibliography of research completed
 - A learning log
 - Artifacts of the project that document the work completed
3. Presentation of the project. Staff using a common rubric will evaluate the presentation.
4. Reflective paper that is completed at the end of the project. The paper will be evaluated using a common District rubric.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE CULMINATING PROJECT?

The project must accomplish the following:

- ✓ networking in the community outside of the school (advisors, agencies, businesses)
- ✓ exploring an interest that connects to a student's future
- ✓ applying academic learning to a vocational, academic, or community interest
- ✓ extending learning in a way that classroom instruction cannot

"I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor."

Henry David Thoreau



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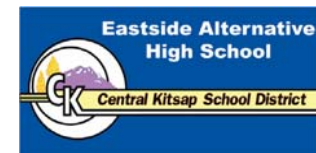
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Graduation Requirements for Students Graduating after July 2007





What are the new graduation requirements?



Recent state and district changes have been approved that impact graduation requirements for students graduating beginning with the class of 2008. To be eligible for graduation, a student must:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs) by passing the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) and earning a Certificate of Academic Achievement.
2. Earn 22 Credits:¹
 - 4 - English
 - 2 - Mathematics (must complete Algebra or higher)
 - 3 - Social Studies
 - 2 - Science (at least 1 lab science)
 - 1.5 - Occupational Education
 - 2 - Health & Fitness
 - 1 - Fine Arts
 - 6.5 - Elective
3. Complete a High School & Beyond Portfolio.
4. Complete a Culminating Project.

THE CERTIFICATE OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

This is earned through an assessment that is given in the spring of a student's sophomore year. Students are assessed for skill accomplishment in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics and science. Students will have opportunities in both their junior and senior years to retake components of the assessment that are not passed in the sophomore year. Special education students may be eligible to earn a Certificate of Individual Achievement to demonstrate competency in areas of their handicapping condition.

CREDITS

Credits are earned by successfully passing high school courses. Students earn .5 credits for each semester course passed. Information on specific courses and credits can be obtained from the school counselor. Universities, colleges or vocational training programs may require additional credits or other pre-requisites.

HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND PORTFOLIO

All students enrolled in ninth grade after July 1, 2004, shall have an education plan for their high school experience, including expectations for the year following graduation. A High School and Beyond Portfolio that includes a resume/cover letter, letters of recommendation, awards, certificates, transcripts/test scores, sample of best work, a Personal Education Plan and artifacts of the Culminating Project will document a student's completion of the High School and Beyond requirement.

THE CULMINATING PROJECT

The Culminating Project provides students with opportunities to connect school to life outside of school. Students choose projects that connect to vocational, academic, community service, and/or cultural interests. These projects are the basis for students to refine and demonstrate the skills they have gained in school while pursuing personal interests. Students maintain learning logs and make formal presentations about their project. Staff will use a common checklist or rubric to review each component of the Culminating Project to ensure that it meets Central Kitsap School District standards.

¹ 19 credits required by the State of Washington and 3 additional credits required by Central Kitsap School District