

PRIMERO RE-2 SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS 26 UNITS

In pursuit of its mission to ensure that all students reach their learning potential, the Board of Education has established the following graduation requirements:

State and district content standards:

All students must meet or exceed state and district content standards prior to becoming eligible to graduate.

Units of credit needed:

A total of 26 credits earned during grades 9 through 12 are required for graduation. A unit of credit is defined as the amount of credit given for the successful completion of a course which meets four (4) days per week during that class period for at least 36 weeks or the equivalent. Successful completion means that the student obtained a passing grade for the course.

The District calculates credits in half and full credit amounts. A half-credit is generally awarded to a student who passes a semester course. A full credit is generally awarded to a student who passes a year-long course. Quarter credits may be used in transfer situations.

The District reserves the right to approve all credits for transfer from outside institutions from new students and from current students who take off campus, online or correspondence courses. The District shall determine if a transfer course meets the standards necessary to award identical or partial credit.

Credit from other institutions and home-based programs:

Graduating seniors shall be ranked within the graduating class for each high school upon the basis of grade-point averages for the four-year program, excluding the last semester of the senior year. Averages will be calculated to two decimal places (0.00).

Grades for regular classes will be given the following values: A = 4; B = 3; C = 2; D = 1; F = 0. The grading percentages are 90-100% = A; 80-89% = B; 70-79% = C; 60-69% = D; below 60% = F.

Grades for advanced placement classes will be given the following values: A = 5; B = 4; C = 3; D = 2; F = 0.

After a course has been passed, no future grade earned in the same course shall be used to determine class rank or grade point average.

The student with the highest class rank will be valedictorian. When more than one student holds the numerical one rank, all students holding the rank will be declared valedictorian.

When transcripts of transfer students show grades such as pass or satisfactory, such grades shall not be counted in determining class rank or grade point average.

Valedictorian / Salutatorian must have an overall GPA that exceeds 3.5.

Independent study:

Independent study, work experience and experience-based programs approved in advance by the principal may be taken for high school credit. Students must submit a request for approval that includes a summary of the education objectives to be achieved and monitored by a faculty member.

Student course load:

The course load for Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors shall be a minimum of seven (7) credits per school year.

To be considered a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior, Primero High School students must have earned a minimum of the following number of credits:

Freshman: 0 - 5.9 credits

Sophomore: 6.0 - 12.9 credits

Junior: 13.0 - 19.9 credits

Senior: 20+ credits (26 minimum needed to graduate in the required areas)

Years of attendance:

The Board of Education believes that most students benefit from four (4) years of high school experience, therefore, early graduation is not permitted without Board approval.

College Preparation

Language Arts – 4 Credits

Foreign Language – 2 Credits

Social Science – 4 Credits (Must include US History and American Government)

Mathematics – 4 Credits (Must include Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II)

Science – 3 Credits

Physical Education – 1 Credit

Health – 1 Credit

Electives will satisfy remaining credits for a total of 26

Alternatives may be granted by counselor with superintendent approval.

Vocational Preparation

Language Arts – 4 credits (must include 9, 10, 11 LA, other can be vocationally based)

Social Science – 4 credits (one must be American Government)

Math – 4 credits (must include Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, other math can be business math, accounting, trades math, pre-algebra, statistics or other approved by superintendent)

Science – 3 credits

Physical Education – 1 credit

Health – 1 credit

Occupational foreign language – 1 credit

Electives, primarily in the vocational area will satisfy the remaining credits for a total of 26.

Alternatives may be granted by counselor with superintendent approval.

Honors Diploma

All coursework satisfied according to Student Handbook and Board Policy

Demonstrated Proficiency in all content areas of the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) and/or PARCC assessment.

Minimum Composite Score of 21 on ACT

Students will receive a \$500 scholarship and will be “Distinguished” at Graduation.

General Diploma

All coursework satisfied according to Student Handbook and Board Policy

Demonstrated Proficiency in 75% of content areas of the CMAS and/or PARCC assessment, or a score of 19 on the ACT in non proficient areas.

Basic Diploma

All coursework satisfied according to Student Handbook and Board Policy.

Other

College courses, with the approval of a counselor and the superintendent, may be approved for high school credit.

Alternative courses may be taken with the approval of the principal for make-up credit only.

Independent study, work experience and experienced-based programs approved by a counselor and the principal may be taken for high school credit upon presentation of an instructional outline and objectives to be monitored by a faculty member.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

All students are required to have 8 hours of Community Service per year beginning in their freshman year. Community Service shall consist of services provided to the community during off school hours.

CMAS/PARCC REWARDS POLICY

The Primero Re-2 School District, in its attempt to encourage student effort and interest in assessment testing will provide to each graduating senior the following rewards providing they achieve the following standards of excellence in CSAP testing and on the ACT exam.

- A. Proficient or above on the 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th for all tests for all tested content areas.
 - B. A score of 21 or above on the 11th grade ACT exam.
1. Each senior qualifying will receive an honors diploma at graduation.
 2. Each senior qualifying will wear honor cords at graduation.

Each senior qualifying will receive a \$500.00 scholarship from the Administration and Board of Education to be used as they choose following graduation