



PROPOSED REVISIONS TO DC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



POSTSECONDARY & CAREER READINESS

(Required for all students)

POSTSECONDARY PLAN

Students will have 3 touchpoints with an advisor beginning in 9th grade.

CAPSTONE PROJECT

Project based learning opportunities connected to the DC Graduate Profile.



ENDORSEMENT OPTIONS

Students can pursue a Career and Technical Education (CTE), advanced coursework, individualized, or Seal of Biliteracy endorsement option to earn recognition on their diploma.

CTE OPTION

- Complete an OSSE-approved Program of Study in one of 16 CTE career clusters
- Complete an internship, apprenticeship, certification, or other work-based learning opportunity
- May substitute OSSE-approved CTE Course Equivalencies (where applicable)

ADVANCED COURSEWORK OPTION 2 optional endorsement options

Option 1: AP/Dual Enrollment

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Complete a minimum of 3 courses (any combination of dual enrollment or AP coursework).
- Earn a score of 3 or higher on each AP exam.

- OR -

Option 2: IB

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Complete requirements for an IB diploma

INDIVIDUALIZED OPTION

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- With support from an advisor, a student can create a unique endorsement option based upon aligned subject areas, fields, and themes.
- Minimum of 3 courses.

DC SEAL OF BILITERACY

Qualifying scores for meeting these criteria are detailed below:

Qualifying English Assessment Scores (must achieve at least one of the following)

- State Assessment (CAPE): Score of 4 or above on the 10th grade CAPE ELA exam
- AP Test: Score of 3 or above on the English AP exam (Composition or Literature)
- IB Test: Score of 4 or above on IB Level II English Exam
- ACCESS for English Learners Test: Score of 4.5 or above on ACCESS 2.0 for ELs (only accepted if achieved in grades 9-12)
- SAT Test: Score of 500 or above on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section of the SAT

- AND -

Qualifying World Language Assessment Scores (must achieve at least one of the following)

- AP Test: Score of 3 or above on a World Language AP exam
- STAMP 4S Test: Score of 5 or above on STAMP 4S (all sections)
- IB Test: Score of 4 or above on IB Level B exam
- OSSE-Approved Tests: Score equivalent to Intermediate-Mid proficiency on an OSSE-approved test (see list below)
- Other: Additional assessments that measure speaking, listening, reading, and writing components (as applicable) may be reviewed by OSSE

*Where applicable, course substitutions and competency-based equivalencies may apply.

*LEA may choose to offer an additional award level to students, the "DC Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction". This award recognizes students who have gone above and beyond to learn multiple languages or broaden their cultural competency through application of their language skills.



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CORE FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Carnegie Units in corresponding subjects and required volunteer community hours.

Qualifying students with an IEP will have the opportunity to earn a state diploma with modifications aligned with their IEP.

EXISTING REQUIREMENTS

English	4.0
Mathematics must include Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II at a minimum	4.0
Science must include three lab sciences	4.0
Social Studies must include World History 1 and 2, United States History; United States Government, and District of Columbia History	4.0
World Language	2.0
Art	0.5
Music	0.5
Physical Education/Health	1.5
Electives	3.5
Volunteer Community Service	100 hours

RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO REQUIREMENTS

English	4.0
Mathematics must include Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II or an equivalent integrated math course at a minimum	4.0
Science must include two lab sciences, including biology	3.0
Social Studies must include World History 1 and 2, United States History; United States Government, and District of Columbia History	4.0
World Language	2.0
Art	0.5
Music	0.5
Health Education	0.5
Physical Education	1.0
Financial Literacy	0.5
Career Preparation	0.5
ELECTIVES	
- Endorsement Options/Coursework/Internship/Apprenticeship	3.5
Community Engagement	60 hours

*Where applicable, course substitutions and competency-based equivalencies may apply.