



HIGH SCHOOL 4-YEAR PLANNER*

When selecting your classes, there is a lot to consider. Use this planner/checklist to keep track of what credits you have earned, and what's still needed for your graduation requirements and learning goals.

- Credits are earned when you pass a course.
- Courses can build on each other. You must earn credit for some courses before you move on to others (i.e. check for prerequisites)
- Detailed course descriptions are in the Polaris Program of Studies on the scheduling website.
<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13889>
- Some courses count as full credit (1) and some as half credit (.5)
- Polaris' graduation requirements are listed on the attached plan. Ask your advisor and/or school counselor for help if you are unsure which courses you need.
- Make room in your plan for electives which can include fine arts, performance, CTE or other courses.
- Use your college and career interests to help you with decisions. Take an interest inventory or research what high school courses will help you with a college path.
- You may be able to earn high school credit in middle school by taking courses like Algebra 1 or a World Language. Taking high school courses early can help you get a jump on learning and free up space in your high school schedule. Ask your school counselor if adding these courses to your high school transcript is right for you and how that can affect your overall G.P.A.
- Are you planning to take advanced courses? Advanced Placement (AP) allows you to take college-level courses while in high school. Score well on the exams, and you can earn college credit!
- Ideas for self-directed or alternative learning, such as Independent Study, Challenge Course, Gifted Mentorship, CTE Internship, Independent Capstone, Painting a Mural, or offering a Peer-taught class can be found in the Polaris Program of Studies. Talk to your advisor, teachers and/or counselor about how to make the most of your opportunities for learning at Polaris.
- And finally, ASK for help! Your advisor, school counselor and teachers will be happy to answer your questions

POLARIS HIGH SCHOOL PLANNER Total Credits Needed to Graduate: 22.5 (one semester = .5 credit)

Language Arts^o (4 Credits)	Intermediate Composition	Literature Elective	Composition Workshop	World Literature	Lang Arts Elective	American Literature	Advanced Composition	Lang Arts Elective	Notes & Questions	
Social Studies (4 Credits)	SS Elective	Alaska Studies	World History S1^	World History S2^	US History S1^	US History S2^	US Government	Economics		
Math (3 Credits)*	Algebra 1	Algebra 1	Math Elective	Math Elective	Math Elective	Math Elective	Extra Math*			
Science (3 Credits)*	Physical Science	Physical Science	Life Science	Life Science	Science Elective	Science Elective	Extra Science*			
P.E./Health (1.5 Credits)	PE Elective	PE Elective	PE Elective							
Electives (5 Credits) (Fine Arts, CTE, extra core, etc)										
World Language*	Level 1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2	Level 3	Level 3	Level 4	Level 4		
	at least 2 credits in World Language are recommended for college admissions & scholarships*									
Advisory (2 Credits)										

^Some Social Studies "Electives" may meet World or US History grad requirements. Renaissance, Ancient Civ, Area Studies, AP European History are some examples of equivalent courses.

^oLanguage Arts classes can be met by Polaris offerings or ASD equivalents (IE English I/II/III).

Alaska Performance Scholarship (money for post-secondary education!) Curriculum Checklist										*APS requires 2 extra credits beyond graduation req's: 1 math + 1 science credit OR 2 World Lang/CTE/Art credits ALSO: GPA above 2.5 OR test scores are required to qualify.
4 units Math						OR	2 units World Language, CTE or Fine Arts			
4 units Science							3 units Math			
4 units Language Arts							3 units Science			
4 units Social Studies							4 units Language Arts			
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