



HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Most students go beyond the minimum requirements because they want to take advantage of the many choices available or because they plan to meet differing post-secondary entrance requirements. If you are undecided about the path you might take after high school, you are like many students and will discover your talents and interests while working towards your Diploma or Certificate of High School Achievement.

NOTE | Many high-school students complete high school in three years. On the planning page on the back of this document, there is a possibility of a fourth year. Some reasons you might take a fourth year include:

- meeting Diploma requirements after earning a Certificate of High School Achievement
- achieving a balance of academic goals, complementary course interests and extra-curricular commitments

Talk with your counsellor and principal if you are considering a fourth year

ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS 100 CREDITS
<p>Earn a minimum of 100 credits in the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English 30-level—30-1 or 30-2*; AND ▪ Social 30-level—30-1 or 30-2*; AND ▪ Math 20-level—20-1, 20-2 or 20-3; AND ▪ Science 20-level—Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20 (may alternatively be met with the 10-credit combination of Science 14 and Science 10); AND ▪ Physical Education (PE) 10; AND ▪ Career and Life Management (CALM); AND <p>Earn 10 credits, in any combination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses ▪ Fine and Performing Arts courses ▪ Second Language* courses ▪ Physical Education 20 and/or 30 ▪ Knowledge and Employability (K&E) courses ▪ Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) courses ▪ Locally Developed and Authorized courses in CTS, fine arts, second languages or K&E occupational courses; AND <p>Earn 10 more credits, in any 30-level course (in addition to English 30-1 or 30-2 and Social 30-1 or 30-2) from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30-level Math, Science, Fine Arts, Second Languages, or PE ▪ 30-level Advanced Level (3,000 series) CTS courses ▪ 30-level Locally Developed and Authorized courses ▪ 30-level Work Experience courses ▪ 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) courses ▪ 30-level K&E courses ▪ 30-level Green Certificate courses <p>*IMPORTANT: You are encouraged to explore many options in high school; be sure to gain the prerequisites to complete the 10 credits in 30-level courses other than English and Social. Students may earn any number of credits in the study of second languages, but only a maximum of 25 language credits may be used to meet the 100-credit requirement for a diploma.</p> <p>Provincial diploma exams are required for: English 30-1 and 30-2; French Language Arts 30-1; Social 30-1 and 30-2; Math 30-1 and 30-2 (in English or French); Science 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30 and Physics 30. Final marks in these courses are a blend of school marks and the Diploma Exam marks (the Diploma Exam is worth 30%; your school mark is worth 70%).</p>

ALBERTA CERTIFICATE OF HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS 80 CREDITS
<p>Earn a minimum of 80 credits in the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English 20-2 or Knowledge and Employability (K&E) English 30-4; AND ▪ Math 10-3 or K&E Math 20-4; AND ▪ Science 14 or K&E Science 20-4; AND ▪ Social 10-2 or K&E Social 20-4; AND ▪ Physical Education 10; AND ▪ Career and Life Management (CALM); AND <p>Earn 5 credits in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30-level K&E occupational course; OR ▪ 30-level Advanced Level (3,000 series) CTS courses; OR ▪ 30-level Locally Developed and Authorized course with an occupational focus <p>Earn 5 credits in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30-level K&E Workplace Practicum course; OR ▪ 30-level Work Experience course; OR ▪ 30-level Green Certificate Specialization course <p>OR, instead of the 10 credits in the section immediately above earn 5 credits in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) course <p>IMPORTANT: A Certificate of Achievement is NOT a high-school diploma. K&E courses align with other courses to maximize opportunities for your success, to support your completion of high school, and to easily allow you to transfer to other courses. Such flexibility makes it possible to work toward achieving a High School Diploma. Another semester or year of high school may be part of your plan to do this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To qualify for a Certificate of High School Achievement, you must successfully complete a minimum of one academic (Knowledge & Employability course (English, Math, Science or Social). ▪ A Certificate of High School Achievement can be earned in 2 to 4 years. ▪ Written consent is required to register in each K&E course.

