

Colorado Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Colorado during the 2005 or 2006 calendar years are:

- ***The State Scholars Initiative requirements.*** This program, currently offered in Colorado and twenty-one other States and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (including Algebra I, Algebra II and geometry);
 - Three years of lab science (biology, chemistry, physics);
 - Three-and-one-half years of social studies; and
 - Two years of a language other than English.

- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - One year of a foreign language.

- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.

- ***Colorado Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR).*** This program of study requires:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (at the Algebra I level or higher);
 - Three years of natural and physical science (of which two must be lab-based);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - Two years of academic electives (such as foreign languages, music, theatre, or additional other academic courses).