

# Graduation Requirements

## Cohorts of 2020-2023



### Alternative Diploma

Students with significant cognitive disabilities are eligible to earn an Alternative Diploma through their participation in the NAA and their completion of the course credits required for their graduating cohort. Students earning an Alternative Diploma are included in a school's graduation rate. Students earning an Alternative Diploma are eligible for IDEA services until their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

### Core Enrollment Expectations

The Clark County School District (CCSD) strives to prepare students for success in post-secondary education and in the workforce by providing a rigorous curriculum. The Core Enrollment Expectations are consistent with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 389.018 and aligned with the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship minimum core curriculum requirements. To meet the requirements set forth by the Nevada State Board of Education, all students are enrolled in the Core Enrollment Expectations as outlined below:

Core Enrollment Areas of Study	Units
English	4
Mathematics (including Algebra II or higher)	4
Natural Science	3
Social Studies and History	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

Students who successfully complete the Core Enrollment Expectations outlined above, with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.25 may qualify for the State of Nevada Millennium Scholarship. Please see your school counselor for more information about the Millennium Scholarship.

### Pathway to Graduation

- Participate in Academic Planning meeting with your school counselor
- Enroll in course work that will help you achieve your educational goals
- Make sure parents and/or guardians review and approve your academic plan
- Take the ACT with Writing, in your junior year, at no cost
- Take the NAA in lieu of the ACT with Writing, in your junior year to earn an Alternative Diploma
- Earn a diploma

## Standard Diploma & Alternative Diploma (Cohorts of 2020-2021)

Each student must complete twenty-two and one-half (22½) units (credits) of approved course work, including:

- 1) Fifteen (15) units in the required areas of study, and
- 2) Seven and one-half (7½) units of elective credit in approved course work.

Required Areas of Study	Units
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	2
Arts/Humanities/Career and Technical Education (CTE)	1 <sup>a</sup>
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	1
Physical Education	2
Health	½
Use of Computers	½ <sup>b</sup>
Electives	7½
<b>Total</b>	<b>22½</b>

\*Students earning an Alternative Diploma will take the NAA exam in lieu of the ACT with Writing.

## Standard Diploma & Alternative Diploma (Cohorts of 2022 and beyond)

Each student must complete twenty-three (23) units (credits) of approved course work, including:

- 1) Seventeen (17) units in the required areas of study, and
- 2) Six (6) units of elective credit in approved course work.

Required Areas of Study	Units
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	2
Arts/Humanities/CTE	1 <sup>a</sup>
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	1
Physical Education	2
Health	½
Use of Computers	½ <sup>b</sup>
College and Career Ready Flex	2 <sup>c</sup>
Electives	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

## Advanced Diploma (Cohorts of 2020-2023)

Each student must complete twenty-four (24) units (credits) of approved course work, including:

- 1) Eighteen (18) units in the required areas of study,
- 2) Six (6) units of elective credit in approved course work, and
- 3) 3.25 GPA or higher (unweighted <sup>d</sup>).

Required Areas of Study	Units
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Social Studies	1 <sup>a</sup>
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	1
Physical Education	2
Health	½
Use of Computers	½ <sup>b</sup>
Arts/Humanities/CTE	1
Electives	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

## Advanced Honors Diploma (Cohorts of 2020-2023)

Each student must complete the Advanced Diploma requirements, and:

- 1) Twelve (12) units of Honors, International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced Placement (AP) course work in the required areas of study.

Required Areas of Study	Units
English	3
Mathematics	2
Science	2
Social Studies and History	2
Foreign Language (second year or higher)	1
Electives	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

<sup>a</sup> Clark County School District students are required to take World History or Geography. This will satisfy either the Arts/Humanities/CTE state requirement for the standard diplomas or the additional social studies requirement for the advanced and advanced honors diplomas.

<sup>b</sup> Satisfactory completion of ½ credit of a computer literacy course offered in grades 6, 7, or 8 will meet the requirement for Use of Computers.

<sup>c</sup> Flex credits can be: a second or third year CTE concentrator course in one program of study, or a fourth year of mathematics (including Algebra II or higher), or a third year of science, or a third year of social studies.

<sup>d</sup> The unweighted grade point average (GPA) will be calculated in the traditional manner (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and F=0)

<sup>e</sup> The weighted GPA is calculated by adding bonus points for successful completion of Honors, AP, or IB course work. The highest possible weighted GPA in the Cohort of 2020 is 4.800. Beginning with the Cohort of 2021, there will be no weighted GPA cap.

## College and Career Ready Diploma (Cohorts of 2020-2023)

Each student must complete twenty-four (24) units (credits) of approved course work, including:

- 1) Eighteen (18) units in the required areas of study,
- 2) Six (6) units of elective credit in approved course work,
- 3) 3.25 GPA or higher (unweighted <sup>d</sup> or weighted <sup>e</sup>),
- 4) Proficiency in two languages, or two (2) units in AP courses, IB courses, Dual Credit courses, CTE courses, Work Based Learning courses, or a world language course, and
- 5) One or both of the following endorsements:  
**College-Ready** endorsement for students who successfully complete a college readiness assessment, and receive not less than remedial scores for initial (non-remedial) placement into college-level English and mathematics courses,  
**Career-Ready** endorsement for students who successfully complete the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) – level Silver or above, *or* successfully complete the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) – score 50 or above, *or* obtain a Career and Technical Education Skills Attainment Certificate, *or* obtain a credential on Nevada's Industry-Recognized Credentials List (OWINN).

Required Areas of Study	Units
English	4
Mathematics (including Algebra II or higher)	4
Science	3
Social Studies	1 <sup>a</sup>
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	1
Physical Education	2
Arts/Humanities/CTE	1
Health	½
Use of Computers	½ <sup>b</sup>
Electives	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>