

GCC COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. A student must earn a minimum of 220 credits in courses approved by Gateway Community Charters for high school credit in order to graduate. The grade point average (GPA) on all courses counted toward graduation shall not be less than 1.0 on a 4.0 scale. Courses offered by the GCC for high school credit usually award five (5) credits for each course completed each semester.
2. The minimum of 220 credits for graduation from Futures High School shall include:

Credits	Subject	Years
40 Credits	English	4 Years
30 Credits	Mathematics *	3 Years
10 Credits	Life Science	1 Year
10 Credits	Physical Science	1 Year
10 Credits	World History	1 Year
10 Credits	U.S. History	1 Year
5 Credits	American Government	1 Semester
5 Credits	Economics	1 Semester
10 Credits	Foreign Language <u>or</u> Fine Arts	1 Year
10 Credits	CTE / Practical Arts	1 Year
20 Credits	Physical Education	2 Years
60 Credits	Electives	
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220 Total Credits Required		

*Students must pass Algebra 1 / Integrated Math I in order to graduate

3. Senior Project/Service Learning Graduation Requirement
Futures High School recognizes preparing “Future Leaders, Future Builders, Future Scholars” for a technologically-advanced global world economy entails learning to serve others, forming partnerships, and developing inter-relationships with the community.
 - All seniors graduating from Futures High School must complete a Senior Project in order to receive a diploma.
 - Senior Projects shall consist of four required components: the service learning project, the paper, the portfolio, and the presentation.
 - Service learning will be met through a one semester course or through an independent study agreement.
 - Service hours must be performed without an hourly wage or compensation (i.e. work experience, stipends, or scholarships).
 - Service hours benefiting a religion or fraternal organization will not be considered for this project. (Note: Any activity whose chief purpose is to collect food, clothing or other items necessary to benefit others and meet human needs – even if done in conjunction with a faith based agency may be counted toward service hours.)
 - Court ordered or mandated community service hours will not be considered for this project.

B. Special Conditions Regarding Graduation

1. Credits applied toward graduation for the following courses are limited to the credit amounts specified. In addition, core academic courses may be repeated but may only be counted once toward the total of 220 credits for graduation (i.e. Biology taken for two years is still only worth a maximum of 10 credits toward the 220 total).

<u>Course</u>	<u>Limited To</u>
Physical Education	40 credits
Office Assistant/Office Aide/T.A.	10 credits

2. No more than 40 credits may be earned in any semester from any combination of courses or work experience without prior written permission/approval by the principal or designee.

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, a student who has not met all other graduation requirements may participate in graduation exercises. A senior student lacking in course credits or who has failed to meet all senior graduation requirements, may work to develop a graduation completion plan/contract with the school guidance counselor prior to the spring semester. This plan must be approved by the Superintendent or designee in order for the senior to participate in graduation exercises. Upon completion of the plan/contract, the senior will be granted their high school diploma.

*These graduation requirement changes will be applicable to the graduating class of 2017 and beyond.