

Copper River School District Graduation Requirements

To receive the regular high school diploma presented by the Board of Education, students will be required to satisfactorily and fully complete a rigorous course of study that meets those requirements established by the State Board of Education and the Copper River School District.

Per CRSD Board Policy 6146(a), prior to being eligible for graduation with a regular high school diploma from the Copper River School District, a student must:

- Be in attendance in a high school program not less than eight (8) semesters (an exception to this requirement may be made at the discretion of the school board).
- Pass all three sections of the Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Examination (HSGQE).
- Successfully complete district-required **units of credit**, including:

Content Area	College Preparatory & Performance Scholarship Track ¹		Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014 and beyond
	Math & Science Option	Social Studies & Language Option				
English LA	4	4	4	4	4	4
Social Studies	4 ²	4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Math	4	3	3	3	3 ³	3
Science	4	3	3	3	3	3
World Languages	*	2 ⁴		.5	1	1
CTE / Practical Arts						
Fine Arts						
Technology	1	1	1	1	1	1
Career Readiness	*	*				1
Health/Phys Ed ⁵	1	1	1	1	1	1
Electives	*	*	6.5	6.5	6.5	6
Total	*Varies by grad year; see totals at right		22	22.5	23	23.5

Course Credit: One-half credit (.5) is awarded for satisfactorily completing a required or elective course which is one semester in length. Except when approved by the Board of Education, no high school credit may be earned prior to a student's freshman year.

Contact Hours: A half-credit course must meet a minimum of 72.5 student contact hours. A one-credit course must meet a minimum of 145 student contact hours.

Board Policy Reference: See Copper River School District Board Policy Manual 6146 (a-d)

¹ The CRSD recommends a more rigorous course of studies in math, science, and social studies for students intending to pursue a college education. Thus, the Performance Scholarship "track" is recommended for all college-bound students. **NOTE:** Performance Scholarship requirements for the 2012 graduates vary slightly from courses listed here. See appendix for Alaska Performance Scholarship Student Eligibility Criteria details related to eligibility for the Class of 2012.

² Students electing the Math & Science Option may substitute one unit for foreign language, Alaska Native language, American Sign Language, fine arts, or cultural heritage for one of the 4 units of social studies.

³ Beginning with Class of 2013, one full math credit (two semesters) must be earned in Algebra I.

⁴ For the purposes of the Alaska Performance Scholarship eligibility, American Sign Language, Alaska Native, and foreign languages are all considered "world languages." Two units must be of the SAME world language.

⁵ One-half (.5) credit must be health class; one-half (.5) credit must be physical education class. One-quarter (.25) credit for the physical education requirement may be waived for each full season of participation in approved interscholastic athletic competition. The total credit waived shall not exceed one-half (.5) credit.