Monte Vista High School
GPA and Graduation Requirements

In pursuit of its mission to ensure that all students reach their learning potential, the Board of Education has established the following graduation requirements.

District Academic Standards

All students must meet or exceed the district's academic standards prior to becoming eligible to graduate or complete the requirements and goals listed on a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP), which may include modified academic standards.

Graduation from high school is a culminating event that results from the foundations built at the elementary and middle school levels. Graduation is a collaborative effort among levels in a student's public school career. Each level of school and each staff member or parent/guardian who instructs or counsels a student shares responsibility for the ultimate ability of that student to demonstrate proficiency in the district's academic standards and to meet the expectations for graduation.

GPA Determination

Regular Courses	AP Courses
A = 4	A = 5
B = 3	B = 4
C = 2	C = 3
D = 1	D = 2
F = 0	F = 0

*Teacher Aide and Work Release classes will be Pass/Fail Grades

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of Diploma Credits
2. Completion of State Graduation Testing Requirements or Proof of College or Career Readiness through Capstone Project, CTE Certification, or Passing Concurrent Enrollment Class with a grade of C or Higher.
3. Completion of Senior Portfolio
4. Completion of 20 Verified Community Service Hours

Units of credit needed

Monte Vista High School shall require completion of one of three diploma types:
1. Collegiate Diploma - 28 Credits
2. Comprehensive Diploma - 25 Credits
3. Certificate of completion

Senior Portfolio

ALL STUDENTS MUST submit an approved (ICAP - Individualized Career and Academic Plan) portfolio with the following items as outlined:

1. Cover Page
2. Resume
3. Career Plan/Outline
4. Career Statement/Research Paper
5. Cover Letter
6. Job Application
7. College Application
8. 3 Letters Requesting a Letter of Recommendation

9. 3 Letters of Recommendation
10. 3 Thank you letters for Letters of Recommendation
11. Personal Essay
12. Senior Exit Interview
13. Awards/Certificates

Credit Requirements
Students must successfully complete **28** credits from the following to receive a **Collegiate Diploma** and meet the state graduation requirements.

Language Arts- 4 credits English
Science- 4 credits
Social Studies- 3 credits
Mathematics- 4 credits
Physical Education- 1 credit
Fine/Practical Art- 2 credits (One Fine Art **&** One Practical Art)
Foreign Language- 2 credits
Financial Literacy - .5 Credits
   20.5 Credits
  plus
Elective Credit- 7.5 Credits
   28 Credits

Students must successfully complete **25** credits from the following to receive a **Comprehensive Diploma** and meet the state graduation requirements.

Language Arts- 4 credits
Social Studies- 3 credits
Science- 3 credits
Mathematics- 3 credits
Physical Education- 1 credit
Fine/Practical Art- 2 credits(One Fine Art & One Practical Art)
Financial Literacy - .5 Credit
   16.5 Credits
  Plus
Elective Credits - 8.5 credits
   25 Credits

ELA	Math	SS	Sci	PE	Art	F. Lang	Fin Lit	Electives	Total Credits	Diploma Type
4	4	3	4	1	2	2	0.5	7.5	28	Collegiate
4	3	3	3	1	2	0	0.5	8.5	25	Comprehensive

Starting with the Class of 2024, students must earn .5 credit of Health to receive either the Collegiate Diploma or the Comprehensive Diploma.

State Graduation Requirements - must pass 1 in Math and 1 in English of the State Graduation requirement. The State Graduation Requirements can be found here:

https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/grad-menu

Capstone Project/Industry Certificate
Students can choose one or both of the following for Capstone Projects or the Industry Certificate:

1. Science Fair during Junior or Senior Year
2. History Fair during Junior or Senior Year
3. Be a completer for a CTE Certification Certificate
4. Complete a CTE Capstone Project Senior Year

Requests for waivers of any of the above mentioned graduation requirements should be submitted in writing to the office of the Principal for consideration. The Principal may appoint a committee to review each request and reserves the right to waiver, based on just cause.

Students meeting State Graduation Testing requirements for the first time in English or Math will earn 1 elective credit for each test passed above the state benchmark. Students will receive ½ elective credit for continuing to meet the State Graduation Testing requirements each time they are passed.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-1-104 (teaching history, culture and civil government)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(kk) (board to establish graduation requirements that "meet or exceed" state graduation guidelines)
C.R.S. 22-32-132 (discretion to award diploma to honorably discharged veterans)
C.R.S. 22-33-104.5 (home-based education law)
C.R.S. 22-35-101 et seq. (Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act)

CROSS REFS.: AE, Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment
AEA, Standards Based Education
IHBG, Home Schooling
IHBK*, Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success
IHCDA, Concurrent Enrollment
IK, Academic Achievement
IKA, Grading/Assessment Systems

NOTE 1: A "pathways in technology early college high school," or p-tech school, may have different high school graduation requirements from those of the district. C.R.S. 22-35.3-103(5).

NOTE 2: The district may grant a diploma endorsement in areas such as:

1) STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), in accordance with the statutory criteria in C.R.S. 22-7-1009.3(2); and 2) biliteracy, in accordance with the statutory criteria in C.R.S. 22-7-1009.5(2) and (3).

NOTE 3: The district may seek to participate in the workforce diploma pilot program, aimed at providing coursework to adults so that they may earn their high school diploma. C.R.S. 22-10.3-101 et seq.

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