

# Coronavirus Updates and Resources



for Portland Public Schools

## Graduation Guidance for High School Seniors

<p>Is school over for seniors?</p>	<p>In response to the continuing COVID-19 health crisis in our state, <a href="#">Governor Brown</a> and the <a href="#">Oregon Department of Education</a> announced that our school campus doors will not open again for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. PPS will continue to roll out PPS-HD, our home-based distance learning platform that will continue serving students online for the remainder of the school year.</p> <p>For high school seniors who were on track to graduate when schools closed in March, mandatory coursework is over, as of today. Supplementary coursework will still be provided, but students will not be assessed on the work for a letter grade except for some college credit courses. Teachers, counselors, and administrators will continue to make themselves available for additional supports if seniors need it.</p>
<p>What do seniors need to graduate?</p>	<p>High school seniors who were on track to graduate when schools closed in March and have the required 24 credits have earned diplomas. Essential Skills and Personalized Learning Requirements (Career Related Learning Experiences (CRLEs), Extended Application, and Education Plan and Profile) have been suspended for this year and are no longer required.</p> <p>PPS must align all requirements for earning an Oregon Diploma with the ODE guidance in order to ensure fair and equitable treatment of seniors across the state. Districts, including PPS, may not add additional graduation requirements for seniors in the Class of 2020.</p>

Subject Area	Subject abbr	PPS "Standard"	OREGON	
Language Arts	LA	4	4	
Mathematics	MA	3	3	
Science	SC	3	3	
Modern World History	GS	1	3	Social Studies
US History	US	1		
Economics	EC	0.5		
US Government	GV	0.5		
Physical Education	PE	1	1	
Health	HE	1	1	
Fine Arts	FA	1	3	2nd Lang/Arts/CTE
Career Tech Ed	CTE			
World Language	WL	2		
Elective	EL	6	6	
<b>TOTAL</b>		24	24	

Who is going to let me know whether I am on track to graduate? When will I hear something?

Next week teachers will enter a passing mark or an incomplete in gradebooks based on content taught by March 13. We will be reaching out to high school seniors, to let them know whether they have met the requirements to graduate, or do not--and, if not, what they can do to get back on track and earn their diploma by August 30.

If I am not on track, what can I do?

Seniors who were not on track to graduate as of March 13, will have until August 30 to complete coursework. They can change incompletes to a passing mark based on the work required in classes by March 13 and graduate as part of the class of 2020. Schools will work with students to outline plans to finish the required coursework needed to meet graduation requirements.

What if I'm on track, but I still want to do coursework?

Great! We want all students to continue their coursework to be prepared for college and career. Mandatory coursework is over and supplementary coursework will still be provided, but students will not be assessed on the work for a letter grade except for some college credit courses. Students in dual credit, AP, and IB courses should reach out to teachers to find out how to earn their college credit.

Will I still have access to school supports?

Yes, school and wraparound supports will still be available to students. Students can reach out to their teachers, counselors, and/or administrators for specific support needed.

What if I am in an AP, IB or Dual Credit course wanting college credits?

Students who were enrolled in dual credit courses can still earn their college credits. Dual Credit students should contact their teacher about the status of their college course. AP exams have been rescheduled for May 11-22. Here are [details](#) on each specific AP exam. IB Diploma students need to work with their teachers to ensure their portfolios and assessments are complete, marked, and uploaded.

Will this affect NCAA

The NCAA is working with the Eligibility Center staff and the

eligibility for my college athlete next year?	applicable divisional academic committees to ensure that an appropriate national solution is provided. Please see their <a href="#">current guidance here</a> .
When will I learn more?	We are currently working quickly to fully review the entire <a href="#">Graduation Pathways 2020</a> with our school principals. We plan to follow up with more information as more guidance is released and new information presents itself. Teachers will be updating grades this week and schools will communicate with families directly regarding individual student requirements. All students will be notified by April 30 of their status.
Is Graduation canceled?	No. We know our seniors have worked hard over 13 years of schooling. We are monitoring the social distancing guidelines from the state and are making tentative plans for scheduled graduation times. If large gatherings are not possible in early June, we will look for later dates to celebrate your accomplishments.