

Listed below is the framework for students to obtain one of our three diplomas.

Guiding Principles:

1. It is the intent of CSEC that all students graduate with 20 high school credits and 30 college semester credit hours in four years as stated in our charter application. This diploma is called Magna Cum Laude.
2. Students who elect to graduate with the Cum Laude diploma must submit a waiver request to the Leadership Team to graduate with only 20 high school credits and less than 30 college semester credit hours.
3. If a student has not completed the Magna Cum Laude diploma in four years they may petition the Leadership Team to stay a fifth year to complete their graduation requirements and demonstrate their willingness to complete the requirements in their Student Success Plan.
4. It is the intent that no student will take more than five years to satisfy the Magna Cum Laude graduation requirements of CSEC.
5. If a student has not satisfied the Magna Cum Laude graduation requirements they may be retained for a fifth year. If they are retained they will be retained at the twelfth grade level.
6. A student must attempt to complete the Cum Laude graduation requirements in the before focusing on the Magna Cum Laude graduation requirements beyond the entry level.
7. Students who graduate from CSEC with an Associate's Degree graduate Summa Cum Laude. Although this is not a requirement to graduate, CSEC will encourage students to pursue an Associate's Degree.
8. Students must indicate to CSEC the type of diploma they wish to pursue by the first semester of their junior year.
9. Students are allowed to continue their educational experience at CSEC even if they have completed 60 hours of college credit or an Associate's Degree as long as they have not attended a public high school for more than four years in Colorado.
10. Students will be allowed to attend public institutions of higher education outside the metro area of Colorado Springs upon the recommendation of their counselor and approval of the Academic Dean.

## CSEC Graduation Requirements

CSEC offers three diploma options:

### Cum Laude:

*This diploma is offered only to students who petition the CSEC Leadership Team explaining extenuating circumstances that prevent them from achieving the Magna cum Laude diploma. The Leadership Team must approve the student's petition.*

20 High School credits:

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Credits/Years</u>
English	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Science	3
Foreign Language	2
PE/Health	2
Career Planning	1
Elective	1

### Magna cum Laude:

20 High School credits:

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Credits/Years</u>
English	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Science	3
Foreign Language	2
PE/Health	2
Career Planning	1
Elective	1

30 College Semester Credit Hours

### Summa cum Laude:

20 High School credits:

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Credits/Years</u>
English	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Science	3
Foreign Language	2
PE/Health	2
Career Planning	1
Elective	1

60 College Semester Credit Hours or Associate's Degree