AIR ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

An Academy School District 20 High School

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject Area	Credits
English	8
Math	6
Science	6
Social Studies	6
World Language	2
Core Electives	6
Health	1
Physical Ed	3
Arts	1
Unrestricted Electives	11
Total	50
*1 credit = 1 semester	

GRADING SYSTEM

Unweighted

- A = 4.0 (excellent)
- B = 3.0 (above average)
- C = 2.0 (average)
- D = 1.0 (below average)
- F = 0 (failing)

AP and Honors Weighted Grades

- A = 5.0
- B = 4.0
- C = 3.0
- D = 2.0
- F = 0

Other

- P = Pass
- WP = Withdraw Pass
- WF = Withdraw Fail
- I = Incomplete
- NC = No Credit

COMMUNITY

Academy School District 20 is a rapidly growing school district which has approximately 26,000 students enrolled in 25 elementary, 11 middle, 10 high, and 5 specialty schools. District 20 encompasses 130 square miles in the northern portion of Colorado Springs. It includes the U.S. Air Force Academy and enjoys a diversified economic base with two dominant industries: high-tech manufacturing and military employment. A large percentage of the residents are college graduates who work as professionals but there is an increasingly growing diverse population also.

SCHOOL

Air Academy High School is a comprehensive four-year high school with a student population of approximately 1,400 in grades 9 through 12 with competitive athletics, integrated arts and AFJROTC. AAHS is a 12 time award winner of the John Irwin School of Excellence Award and is accredited by the Colorado Department of Education.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The maximum course load is eight courses each semester. The typical course load is approximately seven credits/courses each semester. The block schedule is composed of eight 90-minute periods which meet every other day. The school year is divided into two semesters of 18 weeks each with semester grades given in January and June. A minimum of fifty Air Academy credits are required for high school graduation. (Two AAHS credits equal one Carnegie unit). The 2021-2022 school year was largely back to a non-online learning environment.

GRADE POINT AVERAGES

All courses are used to compile an official grade point average.

- Grades earned in approved AP and honors courses are weighted by 1 extra point per credit on a 4 point scale
- Weighted grades are noted by an asterisk on official transcript
- A = 90-100, B = 80-90, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F = 59-Below

As of June 2008, AAHS does not rank students.

AAHS KADETS

CEEB CODE 060-266



CLASS OF 2024

325 Graduates

- 108 students earned a 4.0+
- 66 earned 3.50-3.99
- 64 students earned 3.00-3.49
- 34 students earned 2.50-2.99
- 32 students earned 2.00-2.49
- 21 students earned less than a 2.0

Post High School Placement

- 64% attend either 2yr or 4yr college
- 57% matriculated to four-year schools
- 7% matriculated to two-year schools
- 36% selected work, military service, gap year or travel

60% of students are attending:

- Colorado Schools of Mines
- Colorado State University @ Ft. Collins
- Pikes Peak State College
- University of Colorado @ Boulder
- University of Colorado @ Colorado Springs
- University of Colorado @ Denver
- University of Northern Colorado
- Western State Colorado University

Students also attending:

- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Merchant Marine Academy
- Vanderbilt University
- The George Washington University

ASSESSMENTS

SAT Scores

- 91% of class took the SAT
- Mean SAT Reading/Writing: 558
- Mean SAT Math: 522
- Mean SAT score: 1080

AP Scores

- In 2024, 438 students participated in the AP exam program
- 700 AP exams were taken in 22 subjects
- 81% of the AP exams received a score of 3 or higher

Student access to AP courses is determined by past performance and student request.

Statement of Discipline: Air Academy reports to colleges as requested, all suspensions and expulsions. Students are asked to waive their right to see counselor and teacher recommendation letters.

COURSES WEIGHTED IN GPA Placement based on open enrollment, past performance, and teacher recommendation.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP English Lang/Comp AP Biology AP English Lit/Comp AP Spanish Lang AP Spanish Lit AP French Lang AP German Lang AP Pre-Calculus

AP Statistics AP Environmental Science

AP Calculus AB

AP Chemistry AP Psychology **AP Physics** AP Human Geography

AP World History: Modern AP Government/Politics

AP US History AP Studio Art AP Art History

HONORS

Aerospace Engineering Algebra 2 American Lit/Composition American Sign Language 4 Art Art Int Freshman Lit/Comp Art Int World History Art Int World Lit/Composition Art Int World Reg Geography Biology Chemistry

Civil Engineering/Architecture

Computer Int Manufacturing

Computer Science Principles Engineering Design/Dev

French 4 German 4

Intro to Engineering Design

Physics

Principles of Engineering Senior Composition/Literature

Spanish 4 Spanish 5

US History/Geography World History/Geography World Regional Geography

COLLEGE & CAREER CONTACTS