

High School Graduation Requirements

RMSEL uses the Expeditionary Learning Instructional Framework. This framework is progressive, in that the curriculum focuses on the gradual mastery of Colorado Academic Standards, as well as a final graduation portfolio. Concurrently, our graduation requirements build toward a mastery of understanding and a rigorous completion of content as credit is obtained.

New students may be admitted to RMSEL through grade 11 with equivalent credit from their previous high school.

In addition to these academic requirements, students are expected to attend and submit portfolio documents for our expeditionary Learning Outward Bound Crew Trips as part of their credit requirements.

Core Content Requirements

Grade	Course	Subject	Credit
9	English	English 9 (World Literature)	10
9	Social Studies	State and the Individual	10
9	Mathematics	Integrated Algebra / Geometry 9 th	10
9	Science	Biology or Chemistry	10
9	Fitness	Physical Fitness	10
10	English	English 10 (American Literature I)	10
10	Social Studies	American History I (1865-1920)	10
10	Mathematics	Integrated Algebra / Geometry 10 th	10
10	Science	Biology or Chemistry	10
10	Fitness	Physical Fitness	10
11	English	English 11 (American Literature II)	10
11	Social Studies	American History II (1920-Present)	10
11	Mathematics	Integrated Advanced Algebra 11 th	10
11	Science	Earth Science or Physics	10
11	Fitness	Physical Fitness	10
12	English	English 12 (Comparative Literature)	10

12	Social Studies	Human Geography	10
12	Mathematics	Integrated Trigonometry / Pre-Calc 12 th	10
12	Science	Earth Science or Physics	10
12	Fitness	Physical Fitness	10
9 th – 12 th		Credit Total	200

*(Pass/ Fail – Course Grade)

Independent Learning Experience Requirements

Grade	Course	Subject	Credit
9	Independent Study	Mini-Challenge	10
10	Independent Study	Mini-Challenge / 10 th Grade Passage Portfolio	10
11	Independent Study	Internship	10
12	Independent Study	Senior Learning Experience / 12 th Grade Graduation Portfolio <i>*District Capstone Project – College and Career-Ready Demonstration</i>	10
9 th – 12 th		Credit Total	40

Elective Course Requirements

Grade	Course	Subject	Credit
9 th – 12 th	Foreign Language	Level I	10
9 th – 12 th	Foreign Language	Level II	10
9 th – 12 th	Technology	Technology Elective	10
9 th – 12 th	Art	Art Elective	10
9 th – 12 th	Physical Education	Physical Education Elective	10
9 th – 12 th		Credit Total	50

Outward Bound Expeditionary Learning Crew

Grade	Course	Subject	Credit
9*	Crew	Outward Bound High School Trip 9	10*
10*	Crew	Outward Bound High School Trip 10	10*
11*	Crew	Outward Bound High School Trip 11	10*
12	Crew	Outward Bound High School Trip 12	10*
9 th – 12 th		Credit Total	40

* Any student enrolled after the trip is complete in the previous school year may complete a waiver to accompany this course on his/her transcript. In the event a currently enrolled student elects to not participate in a trip during the current school year the student will be required to enroll in an equivalent experience to obtain required credit.

*Medical exemptions may be submitted and reviewed by a physician to seek course waiver at any grade level.

* (Pass/ Fail – Course Grade)

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Core Content Requirements	200
Independent Learning Experience Requirements	40
Elective Course Requirements	50
Outward Bound Expeditionary Learning Crew	40
Credit Total	330