

## What Seniors say they wish they had known as Freshmen...

- **Every class counts!** The classes I took as a Freshman are on my high school transcript forever.
- **F's don't earn credits!** You need at least 5 credits to reach sophomore status.
- My GPA and class rank is very important when **applying to college.**
- Most of the college application process began during junior year and is **based off of my first 3 years of high school.**
- **I should have asked for help...**my teachers and counselors were there to help me be successful.
- **I should have challenged myself more.** I should have taken some Honors, AP, or Youth Options classes!
- **I should have been involved in more extracurricular activities.** It makes school more fun and looks good on college and job applications.



## Work Hard & Continue Your Education!

Bradford's Freshman Academy expects that all students will graduate from high school and plan for further education beyond. Whether that post-secondary education is a 4-year university, 2-year college, or on-the-job / apprenticeship training, education is the key to options. Most adults change career paths several times in their lives and there is no question that the more education you have, the more options you have for living the type of life that YOU choose!

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Please note that this publication is intended as a general overview of the KUSD graduation requirements. Please consult your counselor or Board Policy 6456 for more details.*



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**EVERY KID – EVERY DAY!**

# How Do I Graduate from *Bradford* High School?



## What is a Credit?

Every course has a certain number of credits attached to it. To graduate from High School, you must earn a minimum of 23.5 credits in the right combination (along with a few other things).

- ✓ **Pass the class? Earn the credit.**
- ✓ **Fail the class? No credit!**

Semester long courses earn .50 credits. Full year courses earn 1 credit (.50 each semester). If you complete 6 credits each year, you will have enough to graduate in four years.

## Pay attention and keep up with your work

The number one reason for poor grades is not doing the work. Doing your work is HOW you learn. Very few students actually fail a course because it is too hard...they fail because they didn't do the work they need to learn! If you need help, ask for it right way!

## Check Infinite Campus regularly and Do the Work!

# The Graduation Big Picture



## How Many Credits do I Need to be a...

- **Sophomore: 5** credits
- **Junior: 11** credits
- **Senior: 17** credits
- Many students graduate with more than 23.5 credits, but **23.5 is the minimum.**

## 23.5 Credits to Graduate

- 4 English
- 3 Science
- 3 Math
- 3 Social Studies
- 1.5 Physical Education
- .50 Consumer Education
- .50 Health
- 8.0 Electives

Refer to the High School Course Catalog on the KUSD website ([www.kusd.edu](http://www.kusd.edu)) for specific course names and descriptions.

## Community Service Learning / Honors & AP

- 10 hours of community service learning are required for graduation. Documentation forms are available in the counseling or Freshman Academy Office.
- Students who complete over 100 hours of Community Service over their 4 years will earn a "Diploma with Service Distinction"
- Students with 4 AP (Advanced Placement) credits qualify for a Diploma with Honors Distinction.

## Freshman Academy at Bradford

The goal of the Bradford Freshman Academy is to increase the number of students who earn enough credits in ninth grade to be promoted to tenth grade, with the longer-range goal of graduating from high school in four years.

**Families...** We need your help to keep Freshmen on track and learning good habits for high school! Your freshman needs your support as he or she learns how to assume more responsibility for their own learning. Please check their grades each week in Infinite Campus, communicate with their teachers, and begin to talk to your child about their plans after high school. When the work gets hard for your freshman, encourage them to ask their teacher for help!