

<p>CTE Career & Technical Education</p>	<p>Prepares high school students for professions such as culinary, hospitality, automotive, carpentry, cosmetology, etc.</p>
<p>PSAE Prairie State Achievement Exam</p>	<p>Standardized tests required at all Illinois public schools in the city of Chicago. It includes both the ACT and Work Keys exams.</p>
<p>ACT</p>	<p>Standardized test taken spring of your junior year. You can score between a range of 1-36.</p>

SAT

Standardized test required at some universities and can also be taken by subject. You can score up to a 1600.

Freshman to Sophomore Year

Obtain minimum 5 credits and pass all core classes

Core Classes

Subject areas that are mandatory such as math, science, English, language arts/Reading, history

**Sophomore to
Junior Year**

Obtain minimum of 11 credits and pass all core classes. Should have at least 20 hours of service projects. Pass Constitution Exam.

**Junior to Senior
Year**

Obtain minimum of 17 credits, pass all core classes, and take the Consumer Education.

**Graduation
Requirements**

Complete minimum of 24 credits, 40 Service Learning Hours, pass Drivers Ed, Consumer Ed, the Constitution Exam, take the PSAE.

**Service Learning
Hours via Projects**

Required to complete 40 hours of volunteer work with a teacher or approved program. Must complete actual projects that require preparation and reflection.

**Extracurricular
Activities**

Any enrichment activity outside of the classroom including sports, clubs, and organizations.

Electives

Classes that are required but cover a variety of subjects such as art, chorus, band & drama.

**Small Learning
Communities**

Some schools are organized by career or interest categories such as math & Science, Hospitality & Culinary, Journalism, JROTC, etc.

Credit

Equal to 60 direct classroom/instructional hours.

**Grade Point
Average**

A student's grade based on a scale of 1-4 for regular, 1-5 for honors or 1-6 for AP classes.

Regular Classes	Classes that are taught at a high school level.
AP Classes	Classes that prepare students through rigorous course work that is comparable to the rigor of college level courses and offer potential for college credit.
IB Program	This program allows students to take college level classes which can allow a student to get a separate diploma that is internationally recognized.

Honors Classes

More rigorous high school classes that require a recommendation from a teacher, good attendance & grades.

FAFSA

Free application for federal student aid that is meant to help families determine how much money the federal government can offer. Required at all colleges unless for special circumstances.

