

Student Name: _____ Counselor: _____

I understand that in addition to meeting the requirements for the Hawaii High School Diploma, I must attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above to qualify for a honors recognition certificate in one or more of the honors described below. I am planning to pursue the following (initial all that apply):

Honors Recognition Certificate Requirements:

_____ **Academic Honors:**

- 4 credits of Math: The four credits must include one credit for Algebra 2 and one credit beyond Algebra 2. The credit beyond Algebra 2 must be earned via the following courses or equivalent AP or IB or Running Start math courses: Algebra 3, Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, Precalculus, Probability, Statistics, Introduction to College Mathematics, or Calculus.
- 4 credits of Science: Of the four credits, one credit must be in Biology 1 or equivalent IB Biology; or AP Biology courses.
- 2 credits minimum must be from AP/IB/Running Start courses (equivalent to credits for two college courses).

_____ **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Honors:**

- Completes program of study (2-3 courses in sequence plus a state-identified specific academic course requirement). Earn a B or better in each required program of study (coursework)
- Meet or exceed proficiency on performance-based assessments for corresponding program of study, which includes project and performance
- Completes one of the following written assessments for the corresponding program of study:
 1. Research paper/technical writing
 2. Earn a nationally-recognized certificate (currently only for the A+ Certification program)

_____ **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Honors:**

- 4 credits of Math: The four credits must include one credit for Algebra 2 and one credit beyond Algebra 2. The credit beyond Algebra 2 must be earned via the following courses or equivalent AP or IB or Running Start math courses: Algebra 3, Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, Precalculus, Probability, Statistics, Introduction to College Mathematics, or Calculus.
AND
- 4 credits of Science: Of the four credits, one credit must be in Biology 1 or equivalent IB Biology; or AP Biology courses.
- Successful completion of a science/math project, research paper, and presentation

_____ **I understand the requirements but will NOT be working towards completion of the honors certificate.**

(NOTE: Effective for the Class of 2016 and beyond, graduating seniors will be declared valedictorian if the following criteria are met: GPA of 4.0, and earned and met the requirements of one of the Honor Recognition Certificates. Valedictorians will be named after the third quarter.)

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Pearl City High School

CREDITS	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
English	4 credits including: English Language Arts 1 (1.0 credit); and English Language Arts 2 (1.0 credit); and Expository Writing* (0.5 credit); and English Language Arts basic electives (1.5 credits)
Social Studies	4 credits including: U.S. History and Government (1.0 credit); and World History and Culture (1.0 credit); and Modern History of Hawaii (0.5 credit); and Participation in a Democracy (0.5 credit); and Social Studies basic elective (1.0 credit)
Mathematics	3 credits including: Algebra 1 (1.0 credit); and Geometry (1.0 credit); and mathematics basic elective (1.0 credit)
Science	3 credits including: Biology 1 (1.0 credit); and science basic electives (2.0 credits)
World Language (note 1) Fine Arts (note 2) Career and Technical Education / JROTC (note 3)	2 credits in one of the specified programs of study.
Physical Education (P.E.)	1 credit including Physical Education Lifetime Fitness (0.5 credit); and Physical Education basic elective (0.5 credit)
Health	0.5 credit in Health Today and Tomorrow
Personal Transition Plan	0.5 credit
Electives (Any Subject Area)	6 credits
TOTAL:	24 credits

*Or equivalent course.

Notes:

1. Two credits in a single World Language. Credits must be taken in sequence with consecutive course numbers in the study of one language.
2. Two credits in a Fine Arts discipline: Visual Arts, Music, Drama or Dance. Credits do not need to be in a single discipline.
3. CTE: Two credits need to be in a single career pathway program of study sequence.

Grade Point Average

This cumulative grade point average applies to all graduates:

- Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.5
- Magna Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.5+ to 3.8, and
- Summa Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.8+ and above
- Valedictorian Designation: GAP of 4.0, and earned and met the requirements of one of the Honor Recognition Certificates

(All Honor Recognition Certificates will be recognized in the graduation ceremony. All students graduating with a GPA of cum laude and above will be recognized in the graduation program.)