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# Student Learning

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To the families of incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders,

As a member of the graduating class of 2022, your student will be required to earn 24 high school credits in order to graduate. This is a change from the 22 credits that is currently required, through the class of 2020. Part of this change includes the requirement that students take three (3) credits of science instead of the two (2) credits now required. A graphic that shows all of the requirements that make up the 24 credits appears on the back of this letter.

As an incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grader, it is important that your student understands this requirement and what it means for the learning pathway ahead of them. High school students take six (6) classes a year, so over four years, students have 24 credit opportunities. It is important that students and their families select their courses carefully and that students strive to pass all of their courses so that they are able to graduate on time and be prepared for their personal post-high school goals.

One opportunity your student has this coming year is to take high school credit-bearing courses in middle school. The courses available include Algebra, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), and Spanish (plus French at Alderwood Middle School). For more information, see your school's registration materials or speak to your student's counselor.

While not absolutely necessary, taking high school credit classes in middle school gives your student a head start to reaching 24 credits and could provide a cushion if, for some reason, your student does not earn a credit at some point in high school. We encourage all families to consider these opportunities as their student registers for eighth grade.

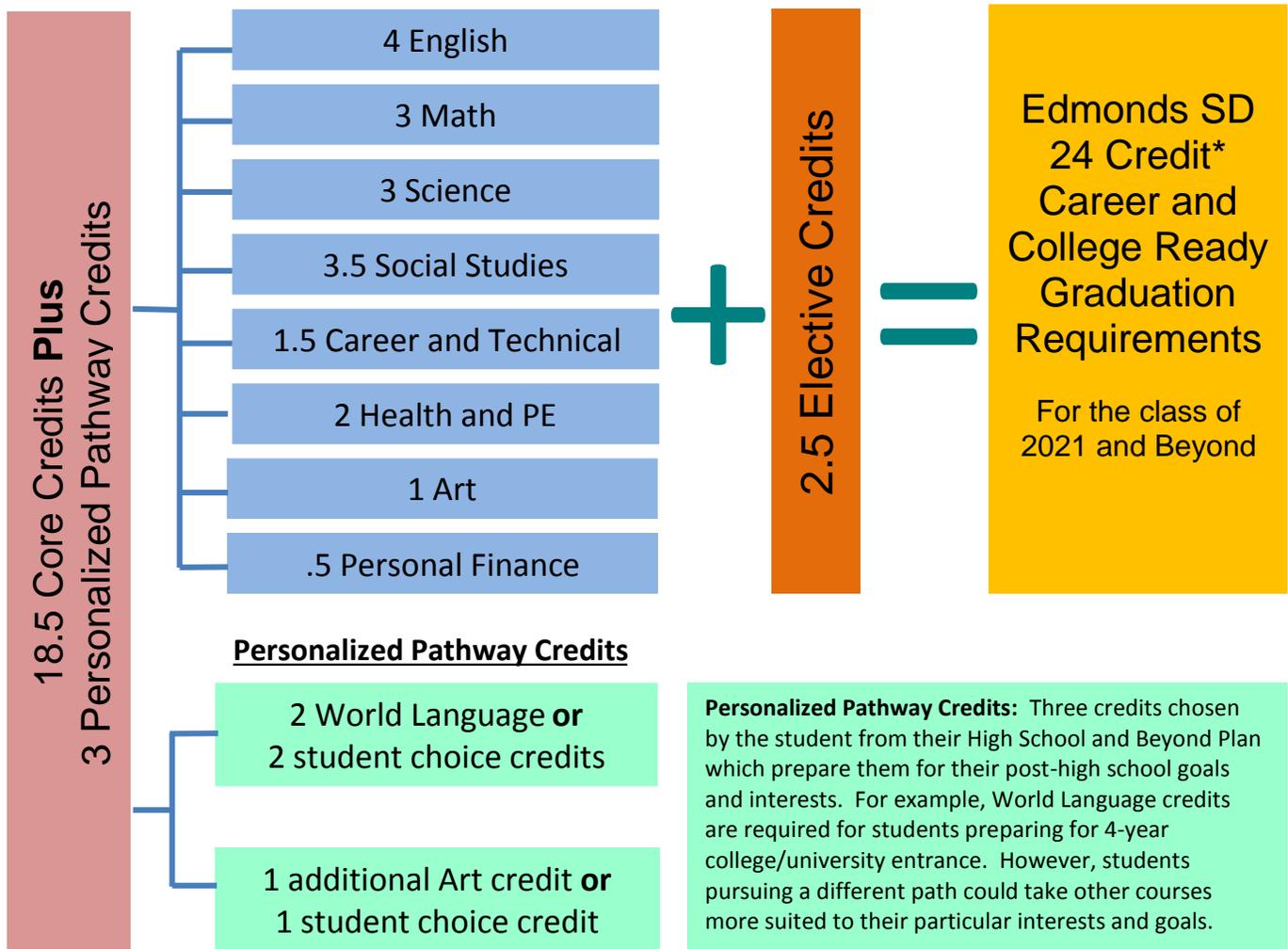
Sincerely,

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## How do the Edmonds School District 24-Credit Graduation Requirements Add Up?

$$18.5 + 3 + 2.5 = 24$$



\*For individual students, 2 credits may be waived due to unusual and exceptional circumstances.