

What's In Your Degree?

All about the different ways you can get Cords, Stoles and extra Recognitions at Graduation and in the Graduation Program!

Blazers, did you know there are multiple recognitions you can get with your OHS diploma?

In addition to your high school degree, you can qualify for several different distinctions!

- There are recognitions for participation in certain classes and/or clubs and academic achievements
- There is a separate diploma recognition that can be awarded to you from the state of Colorado
- There are 5 other diploma recognitions Overland has that signify your achievements and interests
- ALL extra recognitions at Graduation come with varying symbols next to your name in the Graduation Program for all to see, some of the recognitions come with extra “adornments”
- You can even walk away with 2 transcripts- one from us AND one from College already!

Let's take a closer look!

Recognitions for Achievement

The following recognitions are based off of Academic Achievement and ran off your transcripts/records

Cumulative Achievement Based Honors:

Honors- Unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.5+	Red Cord
High Honors- Unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.75+	Gold Cord
Faculty Honors/Awards- Bestowed upon students for varying reasons, awarded during spring of 12th.....	White Cord
Valedictorian Candidates- (*Valedictorian distinction ends with the class of 2025).....	Gold Medal

will be identified after the fall semester of their senior year. At the end of the spring semester, the senior(s) in the graduating class who have a cumulative un-weighted GPA of 4.0 over four years and who satisfy the following additional criteria will be honored at commencement as class valedictorian(s).

Additional eligibility requirements for valedictorian are as follows:

- Attend a 4-year comprehensive high schools for seven consecutive semesters prior to graduation, with the last 2 semesters at Overland High School.
- Completed a minimum of 25 credits using the A-F grading scale
- A student must have taken a total of 5 AP classes in the 4 core curricular areas (Social Studies, Science, Math, English) and must have completed the AP Exam for each class

Recognitions for Participations

The following recognitions are based off of participation and school involvement in Nationally recognized organizations that carry their own set of criteria for membership

Participations in National Programs:

National Honor Society- Green Cord

AVID- No cord, symbolic recognition
in the program

Journalism:

Newspaper &/or Yearbook- Cord

Thespians- Cord

State of Colorado Bi-literacy Diploma

Counselors run these lists *with YOUR help* at the beginning of your Senior year. This recognition is awarded a **Cord at Graduation** and a separate seal from the state given to you with your diploma

BI-LITERACY DIPLOMA: This award recognizes students who've attained a high rate of literacy in the English language and one or more World Language

REQUIREMENTS:

*Students must meet **both** requirements in English **and 1 of** the World Language options*

English:

- 4 years w/3.0 GPA in English
- 470 SAT in English (ERW) **OR** a 3 in AP Lang or Lit

World Lang: Choose one of the following:

- ~3 on an AP Language test
- ~Completing 4 year course w/ overall cumulative 3.0 GPA
- ~Passing score on Nationally recognized test

HOW DO GET THIS SEAL?

- You can come tell counseling if you are fluent in another language
- You can complete through level 4+ the highest of a language
- Counselors will run the list and Admin will complete and finalize candidates who need a Nationally recognized test

Overland Diploma Recognitions

Counselors run these lists in your 7th semester. These 2 awards do not carry cords or stoles, but will be noted in the Graduation Program

BLAZER CITIZEN RECOGNITION: Recognizing our globally minded students whose high achieving performance and commitment in the academic cores allow them a greater opportunity in post-secondary choices and community engagement.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Unweighted G.P.A. of 3.0
- SAT minimum score of 1060 &/or ACT composite score of 21
- 24.5 total credit requirement - consisting of:
 - 4 credits of English
 - 4 credits of Mathematics (Algebra 1 and higher)
 - 3 credits of Science (2 must be lab based)
 - 3 credits of Social Studies
 - 2 credits or more of World Language or demonstration in bilingual fluency

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT DIPLOMA: Designed to recognize well-rounded core academic scholars who have achieved high participation in citizenship and school involvement

REQUIRMENTS:

- Met all criteria to receive the Blazer Citizen Recognition
- Demonstrated academic scholarship in at least 3 AP courses (*a 3+ on the AP test*)
- Achieved a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.75 or above by the end of seven semesters
- Demonstrated evidence of 100 hours of community service
- Demonstrated evidence of school involvement in the arts, in student activities, or in athletics
- Demonstrated good citizenship (no major violations within school policy)

Overland Diploma Recognitions~ cont. 2

Counselors run these lists in your 7th semester. These 2 recognitions are awarded a **White Stole at Graduation**. *Please see the complete requirement list* in your Handbook or the Registration Guide

IST DIPLOMA- Colorado School of Mines: Students who earn the following are guaranteed admission, pending the successful completion of application prior to November 1st.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Distinguished Achievement Program Status
- Completed a career concentration
- Completion of School of Mines guaranteed admissions requirements:
 - Average (unweighted) G.P.A. 3.8/4.0
 - Top 1/3 class rank
 - ACT 29 (min. 28 math, 28 sci.)
 - SAT 1300 (min. 670 math)
 - Choose 1 or more from the following: Computer Programming, Architectural or Engineering Drafting, AP Bio, AP Chem, AP English, AP Social Studies

IST DIPLOMA- CU Direct Admissions to College of Engineering & Applied Science: Students who earn the following are guaranteed admission, pending the successful completion of application prior to November 1st.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 4 years each of the core areas of: English, Social Science, Math (must include pre-calc+), Science (must include 3 units of lab sciences w/ combined bio/chem/physics), & World Language (4 years of a singular language or 2 years of 2 different languages).
- Must have a total of 18 units within core & specified courses below
- Completion of CU Boulder guaranteed admissions requirements:
 - Weighted 3.9 GPA (w/ an unweighted GPA of 3.8+)
 - Top 1/3 of class
 - SAT Math 670+ or ACT Math 28+
 - SAT Critical Reading 600+ or ACT 27+
 - 1+ letter of Rec from a math, science or engineering teacher from 11th or 12th grade
 - Chose 1 or more of the following: Architecture or Engineering Design Concentration, AP Comp Sci, AP Calc, AP Chem, AP Bio, AP Physics, AP English, AP Social Studies



Overland Diploma Recognitions~ cont. 3

Counselors run these lists *with YOUR help* during your Senior year. Eligible students **MUST APPLY** with their counselor during their 7th semester. This recognition is awarded a **Purple Cord at Graduation**

INDUSTRY SCHOLARS: Students at Overland High School are afforded unique opportunities to complete a variety of career concentrations stemming across a variety of STEAM pathways and leading Industry fields.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Meet with counselor to discuss pathway and a student's 4-year plan using the proposed field of study
- Complete the Career Candidate Application
- Successfully complete the top level of their Career Concentration and/or corresponding Internship during 11th or 12th grade
- Have a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA in their Career Concentration

This is NEW! Questions about what Career Concentrations are and how to get this? **Come see Counseling!!**



HOW DO I GET THIS AWARD?

- YOU pick this by following your interests and sticking with your course fields.
- You **ELECT** in by applying for the Award Senior Year.
- **Come get the Application in COUNSELING**
- Counselors will let you know if you are on track 9th-12th grade and if you completed at Senior Checkout

Curious about “Career Concentrations” now?

You will do some career and college searches throughout your time here to help you identify your strengths and passions. Check out the Registration Guide for a list of all of the fields you can qualify in and when you can start your courses. Questions- COME SEE COUNSELING!

Pathway	What year can you start?	9	10	11	12	+ Supportive Studies
ENGINEERING & TECHNICAL SCIENCES						
Advanced Manufacturing*			Manufact. Fund, CNC Machining	Man. Fund 2, CNC Machine 2		Technology Projects
Construction Technology*			Construction 1	Construction 2	Sr. Project/Int.	
Automotive Technology^	Consumer Auto		Auto 1 & 2	Auto 3, High Performance		
Aviation- Maintenance*			Gen. Air Maint. 1	Gen Air Maint. 2, Airframe 1-3	Airframe 4	
Aviation- Flight *			Aviation Fundamentals, Drone Pilot			
Engineering	Technology Projects		Comp. Aided Des., Engineering Design	Senior Project/Internship		
Robotics	Technology Projects		Robotics	Robotics & Electro-Mech.	Senior Project/Int.	
HEALTH SCIENCES & PUBLIC SAFETY						
Criminal Justice				Criminal Justice 1 & 2	2 Soc. Electives	AP Psych., Forensics, Genetics, Journalism, Pol. Sci., SOAR
Biotechnology	Intro to Sci. Research		AP Bio, Adv. Sci. Research		Biotechnology	AP Biol./Phys. Educ. Med., Forensics, Genetics, Microbia.
Health Sciences- Nursing^	Intro to Healthcare		Intro to Health Science A	Intro to Health Sci. B, CNA	CNA/Adv. Nursing	Anatomy & Physiology
H. Sciences- Behavioral Health*				Behav. Health Teach	2 Soc. Electives	Child & Adolescent Behavior, Epic Medical Careers, Interpersonal Relationships, Genetics, Psych. of Sports
Health Sciences- PT/OT Therapy*				Intro to PT/OT	2 Soc. Electives	
H. Sciences- Pharmacy Tech.*					Pharm Tech, 2 Soc. Elect.	
ARTS DESIGN MANUFACTURING & TECHNICAL COMMUNICATIONS						
2D Arts- Drawing & Design	Drawing & Painting 1 & 2		Draw/Paint. 3, AP Studio Art 2D	AP Studio Art Drawing		AP Art History, Digital Commercial Photo
2D Arts- Photography	Photography 1 & 2		Photo 3 & 4, AP Studio Art 2D			
3D Arts- Sculptural Engineering	Beg 3D Art, Int. 3D Art		Adv. 3D Art	AP Studio Art 3D		AP Art History, AP Studio Art 2D,
3D Arts- Fashion/Comm. Design	Fashion 1 & Fashion 2			AP Fashion/Studio Art 3D		Digital Commercial Photo,
3D Arts- Graphic Design	Graphic Design 1 & 2		Graphic Design 3, Adv. Graphic	AP Studio Art		Interior Design 1, Interior Design 2
Broadcasting & Film	Video Prod. 1 & 2, Web Design A&B, OTV		Digital Media & Communication			Tech Projects, Digital Commercial Photo
Performing Fine Arts- Choral	Overland Singers, Plainsmen, Trebelackies		Concert Choir, Jewell Ave Jazz	Cecilians, Nine Mile Jazz		Piano, Music Theory, AP Music Theory
P.F. Arts- Instrumental Band	All bands~ audition placed					
P.F. Arts- Inst. Orchestra	String Orchestra, Concert Orchestra		Overland Symphony			
Performing Fine Arts- Theatre	Theatre 1, Musical Theatre Tech Theatre		Acting 1	Acting 2, Advanced Acting		
EDUCATION, HUMAN SERVICES & HOSPITALITY						
Cosmetology*				Cosmo 1	Cosmo 2, Esthetics	
Future Educator*				Future Educator 1 & 2		
Hospitality-Culinary Arts^	Culinary Essentials 1		Culin. Ess. 2, Baking/Pastry, ProStart 1&2	ProStart Youth Apprenticeship		
Hospitality- Tourism *	2 OHS Fine Arts Electives		Resort & Event Management	Hospitality Youth Apprent.		
BUSINESS FINANCE & COMPUTER SCIENCES						
Business- Accounting	Personal Finance, Intro to Business		Legal Enviro of Business, Accounting 1	Accounting 2		AP Macro & Micro Economics,
Business- Marketing	Personal Finance, Intro to Business		Legal Enviro of Business, Marketing 1	Marketing 2		Intro to PC Applications
Business- Entrepreneurship*	Intro to Business		Project Management for Entrep. 1 & 2	Manag. for Entrep. 3, CTE Cap		
Career Innovations*				Options available through CTE		
Information Technology*	Intro to Comp. Prog. or AP Computer Sci.		Virtual Reality 1 & 2	Intro to Data Struct.		Tech Projects
Cyber Security*	Intro to Comp. Prog. or AP Computer Sci.		Cybersecurity 1 & 2,	Cyber Security 3		
Data Science*	Intro to Comp. Prog. or AP Computer Sci.		Data Science 1 & 2	CTE Capstone IT		
STEAM Product Design*			Product Design 1-3, Adv. Robotics & Systems	CTE Capstone STEAM		Computer Aided Design
Computer Science	AP Comp Science Principles		AP Computer Science A	Mobile App Dev, Data Struct.	Senior Project/Int.	
Applied Mathematics	AP Comp Science Principles		AP Computer Science A	AP Calc AB/BE, DFQ	AP Stats, Liner Algebra	
AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES						
Natural Resources	Environmental Club Participation			AP Enviro Science	CE Geology	AP Biology, Microbiology, Zoology

*= CCIC pathways

^=Can be OHS or CCIC pathways

=CTE pathways

Did you take a CE course in high school? Make sure it counts and you don't have to take it again in College or your chosen program. When you leave OHS, you request your transcripts be sent from us AND the College your CE credit was awarded from (CCA or ACC).

Two transcripts are better than one!

Questions~

You are always more than welcome in Counseling, we love to see you!