

SOME FACTS ABOUT GRADUATION PATHWAYS

The Montezuma-Cortez High School class of 2021 (this fall's incoming freshmen) will choose among new options, called pathways, that will help guide them toward future careers

M-CHS pathways have been created through cooperation with teachers, counselors, parents, and students. The pathways are based on students' post-graduation plans and are designed to guide students through the steps necessary to achieve those goals.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN GOING TO COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL

- The Advanced Placement, ACT, and SAT pathways are college-prep tracks designed to help students earn admission to and succeed in four-year universities.
- The Accuplacer pathway equips students to enter community colleges or technical schools.



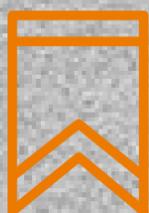
- The Concurrent Enrollment pathway gives students an opportunity to enroll in college-credit classes while still working toward high school graduation.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN GOING DIRECTLY INTO THE WORKFORCE

- The Industry Certificate pathway enables students develop competency in a particular field and prepares them to enter the workforce. *For example: culinary arts, agriculture, welding, auto-body, EMS, fire science.*



STUDENTS INTERESTED IN GOING INTO THE MILITARY



- The ASVAB pathway helps students prepare for military careers

Students are encouraged to use the pathways to explore their interests and aptitude for future possibilities. Although they will make their initial choices as freshmen, students can move from one pathway to another if they find their strengths and interests change over time. Students may also complete requirements and courses in more than one pathway. A student is never locked into a single pathway. Staff will work with all students to support them in successfully completing their chosen pathway.

Information on specific requirements for each pathway is available by contacting Dr. Jason Wayman, Principal at Montezuma Cortez High School at JWayman@cortez.k12.co.us or 970-565-3722 x2100.

High schools across the state are implementing similar guidelines as part of a state requirement to better prepare students. In-depth information about the state's rationale and process for developing graduation requirements is available from the Colorado Department of Education website: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/graduationguidelines>