# Graduation Planner





Graduation Planner is a "robust" tool for planning a student's academic career, tracking and reporting on their progress, and evaluating graduation readiness.

Graduation Planner may be used as an alternative to or in conjunction with

> **Graduation Requirements and** Graduation Sets.



#### Graduation Sets (old):

Requirement	Req	Completed	Current	Needed
A	1.00	1.00		Completed
English 9	1.00	Honors Freshman English A 0.50 Honors Freshman English B 0.50		Completed
В	1.00	1.00		Completed
English 10	1.00	Honors Sophomore English A 0.50 Honors Sophomore English B 0.50		Completed
С	1.00	0.00		1.00
English 11	1.00		Advanced Placement Literature B	1.00
D	1.00	0.00		1.00
English 12	1.00			1.00
E	1.00	1.00		Completed
Algebra I	1.00	Algebra I A 0.50 Algebra I B 0.50		Completed

#### Graduation Planner (new):



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Graduation Contracts							
Subject Group	Earned		Enrolled		Requested Required	Progress	
Applegrove High School		13.5		2	38.5		23]
Credits to Graduate		13.5		2	26	100	10.5
Mathematics		2		0.5	4		1.5
- Algebra I		1			1		
	Algebra I A (608001)	0.5					
	Algebra I B (608002)	0.5					
- Algebra II		0		0.5	1		0.5
			Algebra II B (608022)	0.6			
Geometry		1					
	Geometry A (608011)	0.5					
	Geometry B (608012)	0.5					
Math Course Final Year of High School		0			1		1]

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	Algebra I B (608002)	0.5					
- Algebra II		0		0.5	1		0.5
			Algebra II B (608022)	0.5			
Geometry		1			1		
	Geometry A (608011)	0.5					
	Geometry B (608012)	0.5					
Math Course Final Year of High School		0			1		1



Progress Bar Legend: Completed Credits Current Enrollments Requested Courses

#### Plan Types (2):

**Graduation Contracts:** High School Graduation Planner, Provides a method to determine graduation requirements based on credit hours.

#### **Post Secondary Preparation Plans:** Used to



define criteria for admission to post-secondary institutions.

#### Graduation Planner is available to:

- Administration
- Teachers
- Parents → Access can be enabled or disabled
- Students





#### **District Level:**

 Define graduation requirements & set up plan versions

#### **School Level:**

- Final Grade Setup for presuming completion
- Enable/Disable student & parent access to see Graduation Plan



Assignment of Graduation Plan(s) to students.

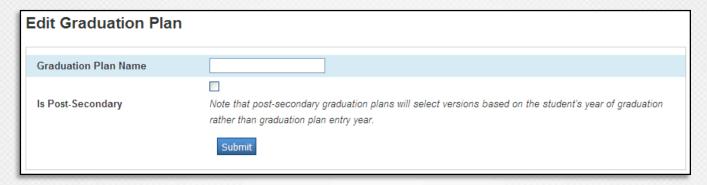
#### Graduation Planner Screen



- **Graduation Plan** name of graduation plan
- **Version** specific plan for displayed graduation years
- **Summary** summary of requirements
- **Select Students –** click to select students assigned to plan
- **New Graduation Plan** click to create a new 5. plan



#### District Setup > Graduation Planner Setup > New Graduation Plan



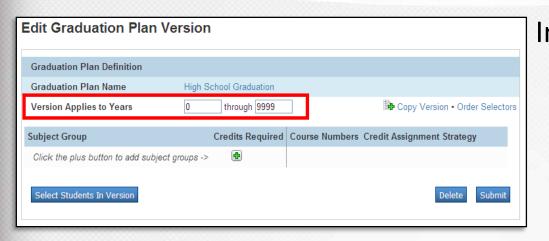
- Enter the Graduation Plan Name
- Determine if this is to be a post-secondary plan.
- Click the Submit button to save



After creating the plan name, click the "All Years" link in the Version column to define graduation criteria.

Graduation Planner Se	tup		
Graduation Contracts			
Graduation Plan	Version	Summary	
High School Graduation	All Years		Select Students
Post-Secondary Preparation	Plans		
Graduation Plan	Version		Summary
New Graduation Plan			



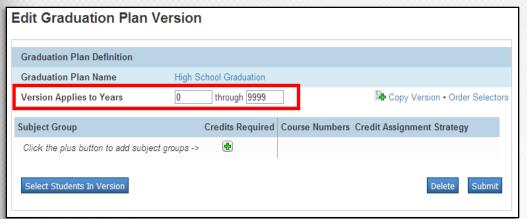


Initially, each graduation plan is created as a single version, which is defined as valid for students entering the plan from the start of time (0) through the end of

time (9999). If the requirements for a particular plan change in any year, you can modify the existing plan so that it ends the previous year, and create a new version, which starts the year of the change.







**Version Applies to Years –** 

Defined as valid from the Start of Time (0) to the End of Time (9999).

Enter a starting year, then enter an ending year. If unknown, leave as 9999.



Click Submit.

- Once submitted, the Graduation Planner Setup screen will display. Here you can choose the correct version of the plan you would like to modify.
- Notice that if the ending year was entered as 9999, it will display the version as [Starting Year] and Beyond.
- If an actual ending year was entered, the version will display as [Starting Year] – [Ending Year].



- A plan can have multiple versions.
- It is also possible to have multiple plans.
- A new version of a plan would be created when the graduation requirements change for a graduating class.
- A new plan would be created if a certain group of students out of a graduating class had different requirements:

#### **Example Plans:**

- High School Graduation (normal scenario)
- PE Waiver/No PE Requirement Plan
- **Special Education Plan**
- Other Scenario

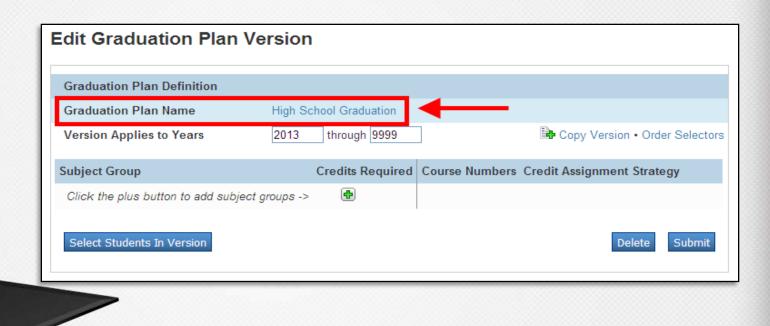


Select the version of the plan you want to modify.

Version	Summary	
	Summary	
A 11 A 4		
All Years		Select Students
	⊕ Version	

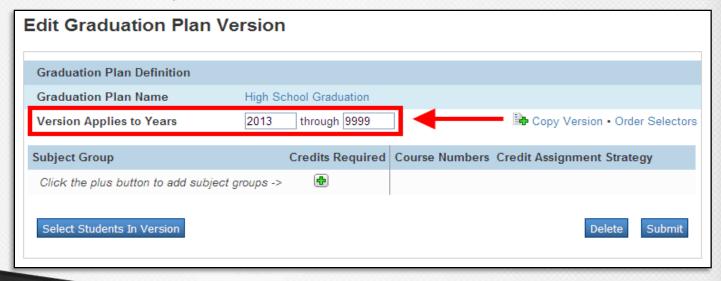


**Graduation Plan Name** – This is the name of the plan you are currently in. You can click on the name to edit it.





**Version Applies to Years** – These are the years of the version. You can modify these, but they cannot overlap another versions years within that same plan.



Copy Version – Use this to copy that plans version. This will duplicate the current version and set it as a new version which you can make adjustments to.

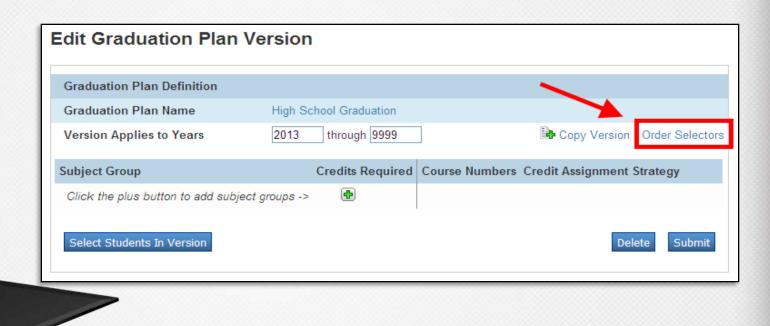


Copy Version – The copy version screen will appear. Enter in a new starting year, then click Submit. This will automatically adjust the current plan to have the correct ending year.

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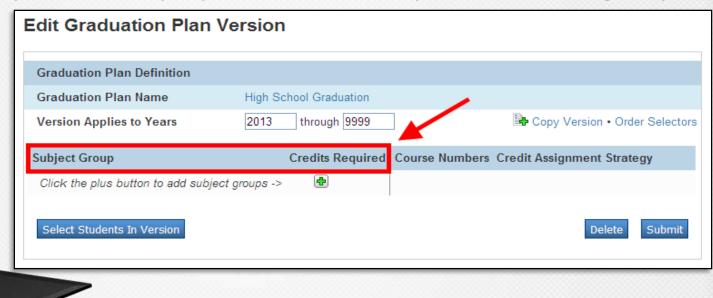


Order Selectors – This determines what order the system should check through from your list of course groups in the plan.



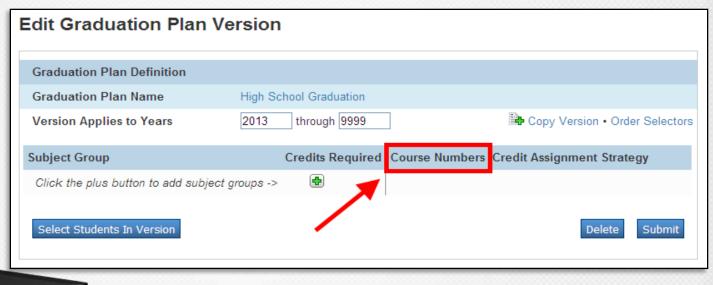


- **Subject Group** Displays the subject group used to track credit hour requirements.
- **Credits Required** Displays the credits required for that group.



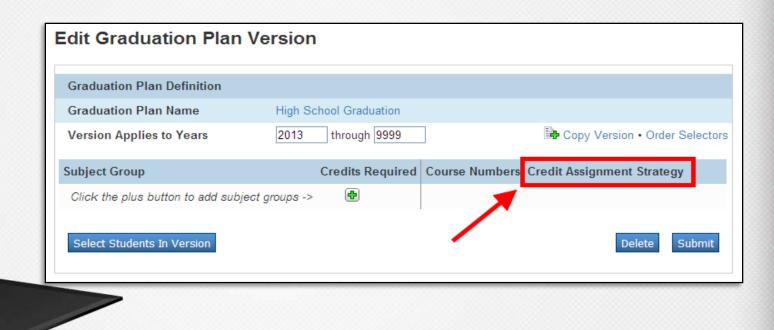


**Course Numbers** – Displays a summary of the courses assigned to that subject group. This will also display if credit types are assigned to that subject group.



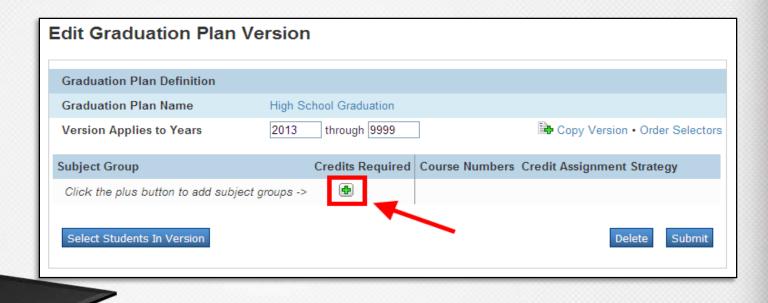


**Credit Assignment Strategy** – The assignment strategy allows overflow credits to be assigned to another subject group.





Click on the 🖭 button to add a new Subject Group.





- Enter the name of the requirement
- Enter the number of credits required
- Click Submit

Edit Graduation Pl	an Requirement	
Path to Node	High School Graduation ⇒ (New)	<b>2</b>
Name		
Credits Required		
Submit		



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Recommended to Create 2 top tier categories – Credits Required for Graduation and Additional Credits.

After creating the first top tier category, you will notice it adds the category to the list along with a "Total Credits Required" line.

Graduation Plan Definition					
Graduation Plan Name	High School (	Graduation			
Version Applies to Years	2013 thro	ough 9999	Copy \	Version • Order S	Selector
Subject Group	Credits Required	Course Numbers	Credit Assignment Strat	egy	
Total Credits Required:	36	1			
Credits Required for Graduation	26				



When you hover over Total Credits Required or any of the subject groups, the row will highlight in dark blue and display a 🖭 button next to that group.

Edit Graduation Plan	Version			
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Version Applies to Years	2013 throu	ıgh 9999	Copy Version • Or	der Selectors
Subject Group	Credits Required	Course Numbers	Credit Assignment Strategy	
Total Credits Required:	36 🖶			
<ul> <li>Credits Required for Graduation</li> </ul>	26			
Select Students In Version			Delete	Submit



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If you want to add another top tier category choose the 👲 button next to Total Credits Required. If you want to add a child to a category click the button next to that category.

Once you add the 2<sup>nd</sup> top tier category (Additional Credits), you can now start adding the subject groups. To do this, click the button next to Credits Required for Graduation.

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Version Applies to Years	2013 through 9999	Copy Version • Order Selectors
Subject Group	Credits Required Course Numbers Cred	dit Assignment Strategy
Total Credits Required:	36	
Credits Required for Graduation	26 🖶	•
Additional Credits	10	
Select Students In Version		Delete Submit



#### SAMPLE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Michigan Merit Curriculum Requirements for: Class of 2011



#### Michigan Merit Curriculum **High School Graduation Requirements** MATHEMATICS - 4 Credits Algebra I One math course in final year of high school Algebra II NGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS - 4 Credits English Language Arts 9 English Language Arts 11 English Language Arts 10 English Language Arts 12 SCIENCE - 3 Credits Biology One additional science credit Physics or Chemistry OCIAL STUDIES - 3 Credits .5 credit in Civics .5 credit in Economics U.S. History and Geography World History and Geography PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH - 1 Credit VISUAL, PERFORMING AND APPLIED ARTS - 1 Credit ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE Course, Learning or Integrated Learning Experience LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH - 2 Credits In grades 9-12; OR an equivalent learning experience in grades K-12 effective for students entering third grade in 2006 (Class 2016)

Once the first subject group is added, you will see it starts to take the look of an outline as the "child" items are indented.

Subject Group	Credits Required	Course Numbers Credit Assignment Strategy	
Total Credits Required:	36		
Credits Required for Graduation	26		
Mathematics	4		
Additional Credits	10		

Also notice that the total credits within child items do not factor into the "Total Credits Required" total. Only top tier items factor into this.

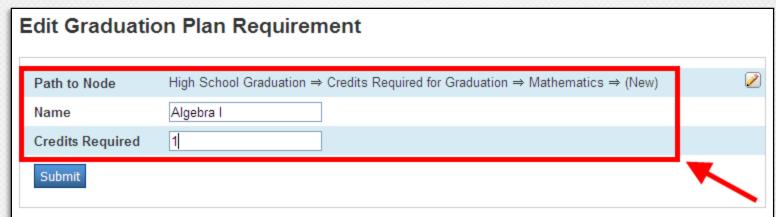


To add specific requirements to a subject group, click the 壁 button next to that subject group.

Subject Group	Credits Required	Course Numbers Credit Assignment Strategy	
Total Credits Required:	36		
Credits Required for Graduation	26		
Mathematics	4 🗗 🔫	•	
Additional Credits	10		
Select Students In Version		Delete	Sı



Add the name of the specific requirement and the credits required.



Notice the Path to Node line now states that it is a child of Mathematics.



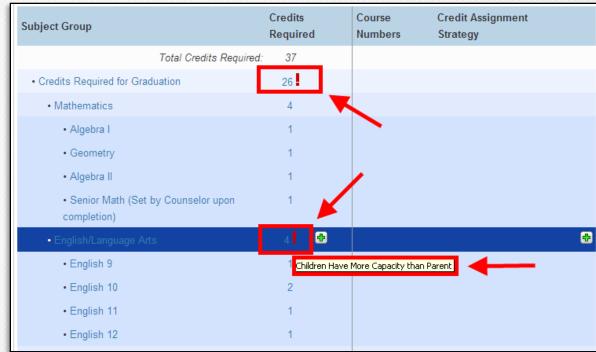
- Continue adding in all specific subject group requirements. Make sure to click the button next to the main subject group and not the specific requirement.
- Only click the 👲 button next to a specific requirement if you want to create a child item for that specific requirement, breaking that requirement out to be even more specific.
- When you're ready to add a new main subject group, make sure to click the 👲 button next to the top tier category: "Credits Required for Graduation".



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If a Red Exclamation appears next to a number, this indicates that the total of all children in a group totals more than its parent.

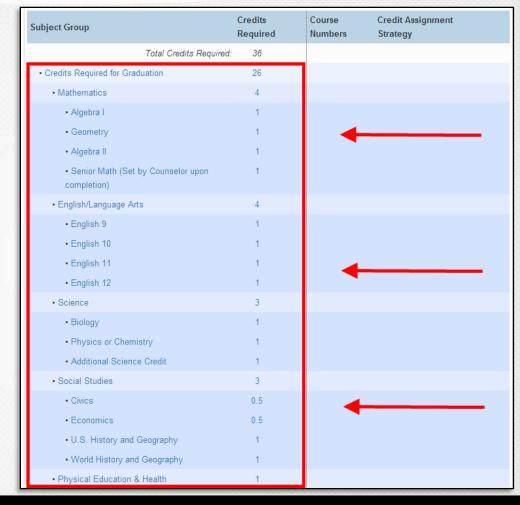
Re-evaluate that your totals are correct.





Once you are finished entering in all subject groups, the list should now look similar to this screenshot.



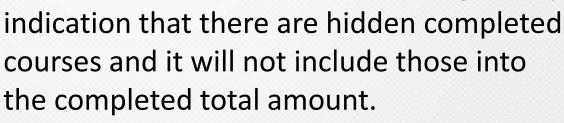


# **Credit Assignment Strategy**

As stated previously, the credit assignment strategy allows overflow credits to be assigned to another subject group.

Make sure the assignment strategy is set up correctly. If it is not set up correctly, completed courses/credits will not filter to the correct subject group.

If a course is only assigned to 2 subject groups and both have been fulfilled, the completed course will hide in the background. The Graduation Planner screen will not give any



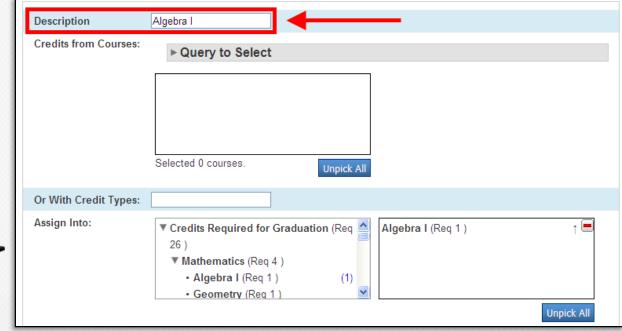


To add a credit assignment strategy, hover over the correct subject group/child, then click the 👲 button in the Credit Assignment Strategy section.

Subject Group	Credits Required	Course Numbers	Credit Assignment Strategy
Total Credits Required:	36		
Credits Required for Graduation	26		
Mathematics	4		<b>*</b> _
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Geometry	1		_
Algebra II	1		
Senior Math (Set by Counselor upon completion)	1		

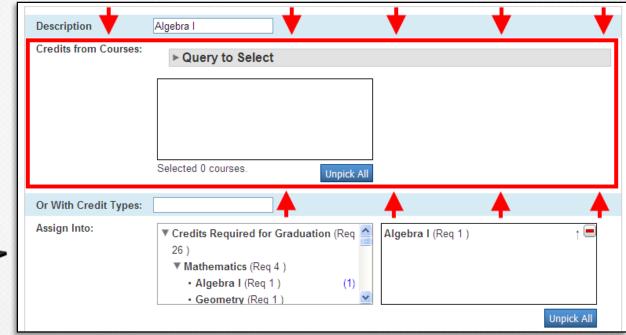


**Description** – Defaults to the name of the Subject Group/Child item.



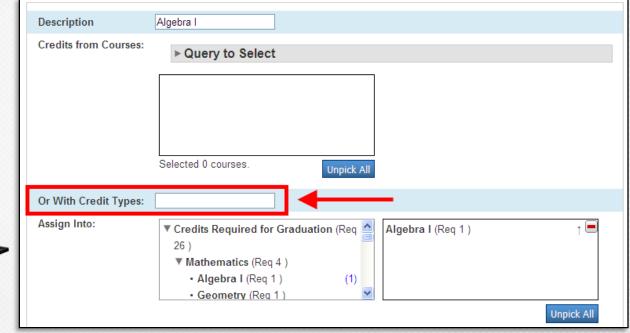


Credits from Courses: Query to Select – Expand to query based on Course Name/Number; or to add additional query criterion.



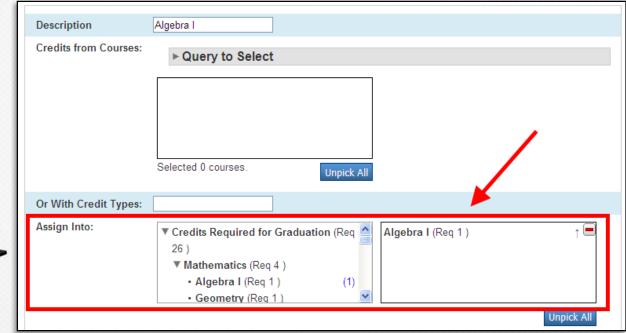


Or With Credit Types – Enter the appropriate credit types. Use commas to separate multiple code types. This is used for outof-district transfer credits.





Assign Into – The list group on the left displays Subject Groups and Children. The list box on the right contains the current selection and the order of the assignment strategy.

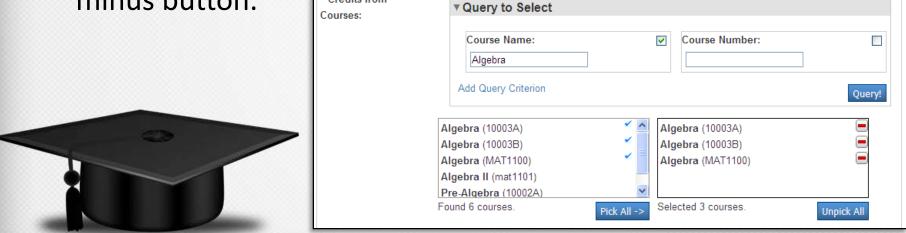




To query for courses, expand the Query to Select box. Check the box to query by Course Name, Course Number, or both. Type in the correct information and click the Query! button.

A list of courses will display in the box below that you can select from. Notice items selected on the left receive a blue checkmark. To remove an item from the right, click the red

minus button.

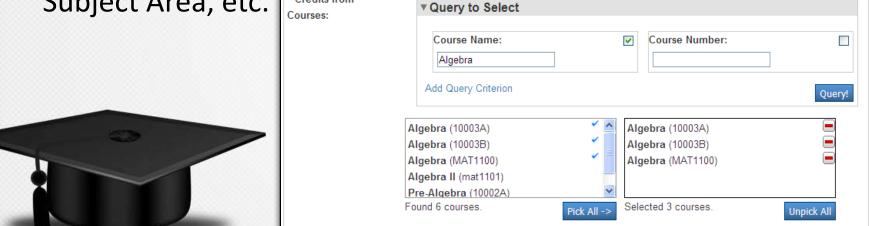


Credits from

It is possible to Query multiple times as well. Simply change the values you entered and click the Query! button again. This will display a new list of courses on the left side that you can add to your currently selected courses on the right.

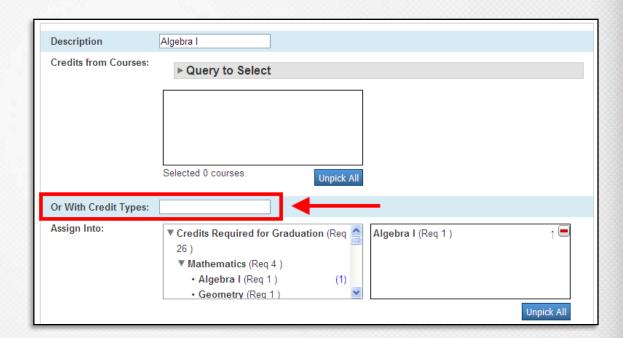
Notice you can also click on the "Add Query Criterion" link which will allow you to search on things like Credit Type, Department,

Subject Area, etc.



Once you have performed the query and selected all courses that meet the requirement, type in any credit types related to this subject group in the "Or With Credit Type" field.



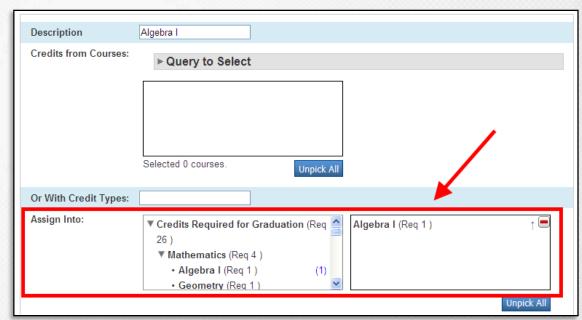


Now you will have to determine the Assignment Strategy. Select the order in which you want the completed courses for this subject group to filter down. The current subject group will be displayed by default. Remember to place the Additional Credits

category at the end.

Click submit when complete.





Once you have set up all of the required subject groups, you will set up the Electives group. You will want to assign every course (theoretically) into this category.

Even though courses may be duplicated in the assignment listing, courses assigned to other subject groups will not filter down into the Electives group until each of the other groups that the course is assigned into has been filled.



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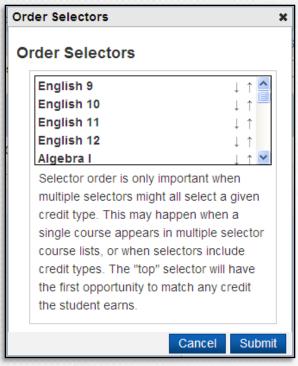


The Graduation Plan should now display information in all parts of the screen. It will show a sample of the courses assigned to each subject group, any credit types assigned, and the assignment strategy.





### Order Selectors



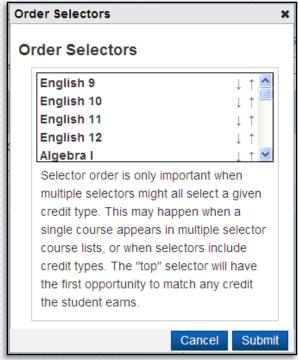


The next part to set up is the Order Selectors area. The selector order is important when multiple selectors have the same course and/or credit type selected.

The "top" selector has the first opportunity to match any credit the student earns.

To order selectors, click the arrows on the right to move item either up or down.

### Order Selectors





Be sure to check this each time you add selectors to a graduation plan. When adding new items, it will add them to the end of the list.

On the initial setup of the plan, it will take the order in which you set up each course group.

You will notice the selector group of "Additional Credits" will not appear in the listing. This is because nothing starts in this group. All are passed down.

## **Graduation Plan Complete**

The graduation plan is now complete!

The next few slides will cover:

- Process for Deleting a Graduation Plan
- School Setup
- Assigning Graduation Plans to students (single & multiple)
- Graduation Plan Progress Screens
- Graduation Plan Progress Reports
- Parent/Teacher View





A Graduation Plan cannot be deleted if it is linked to a student. Students must be unlinked from all versions within that plan.

Start by clicking the Select Students link next to the plan you want to delete.

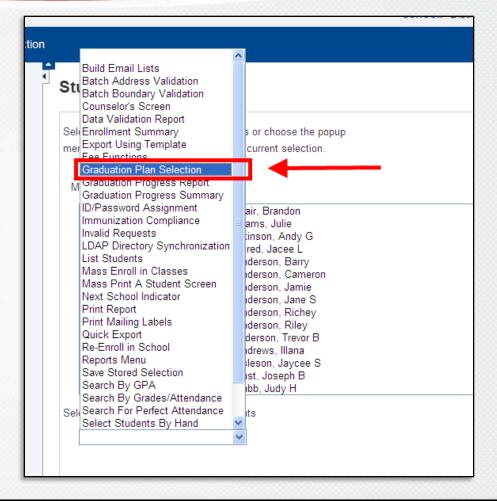




A student selection list will be displayed.

Select Graduation Plan Selection from the pop-up menu at the bottom of the list.



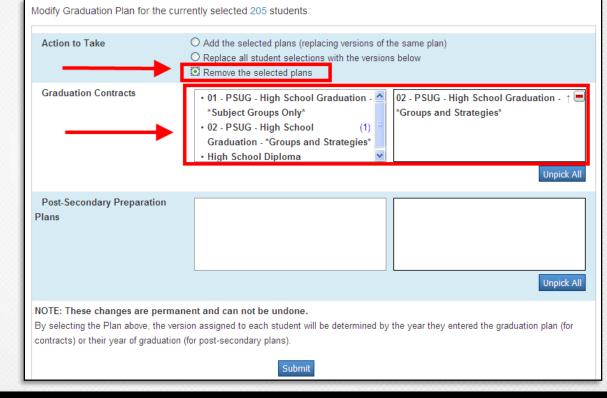


Click the Remove the selected plans radio button.

Select the Graduation Plan from the Graduation Contracts left

list box.

Click Submit.





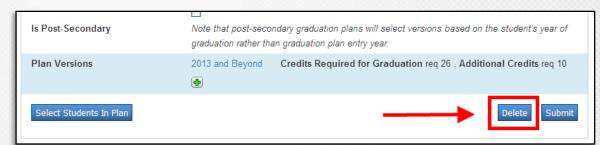
Once all students are removed, go back into the Graduation Planner Setup screen in District Setup. Select the name of the plan you want to delete.



Now select the Delete button.

\*\*WARNING\*\* - there is no button to confirm deletion!





### **School Setup**

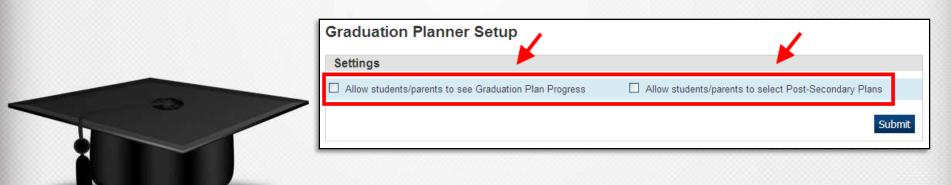
### **Graduation Planner Setup**

School under Setup > Graduation Planner Setup under General

Start Page > School Setup > Graduation Planner Setup

### Two Options:

- Allow students/parents to see Graduation Plan Progress
- Allow students/parents to see Post-Secondary Plans



### School Setup

### Final Grade Setup

School under Setup > Final Grade Setup under Grading

Start Page > School Setup > Final Grade Setups for PowerTeacher

- Used to define the number of days after the end of enrollment to consider the course as "in progress".
- Negative number can be used to indicate the number of days before then end of enrollment.

\*\*Not Required\*\*



#### Options for presuming complete ( Course Prerequisite rules and Graduation Plan Progress )

Enter the number of days after the end of enrollment that you want the course prerequisite rule evaluator to presume completion and Graduation Plans to include the enrollment as "in progress". This number allows the administrator some number of days between the end of a term and the storage of grades for that term.

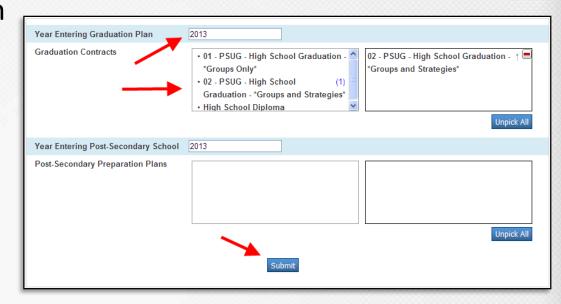
A negative number allows specification of the number of days before the day the enrollment ends, for instances where the school typically records grades prior to enrollments ending (rare).

Submit

### Single Student

- Select Student
- Select Graduation Plan Selection
- Enter Year Entering Graduation Plan
- Click Graduation Plan(s) in Graduation Contracts left list box
- Click Submit

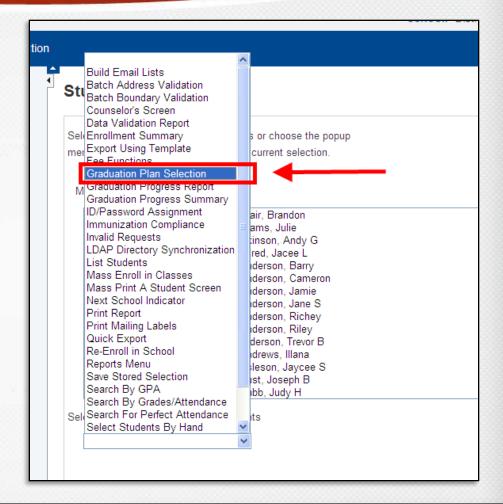




### **Multiple Students**

- Select Students
- Select Graduation Plan Selection from Functions Pop-up list
- Assignment can also be performed by going to: Special Functions > Group Functions > **Graduation Plan Selection**



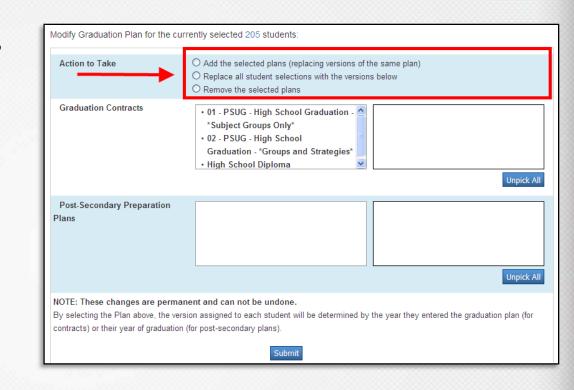


### **Multiple Students**

#### Action to Take:

- Add the selected plans (replacing versions of the same plan)
- Replace all student selections with the versions below
- Remove the selected plans



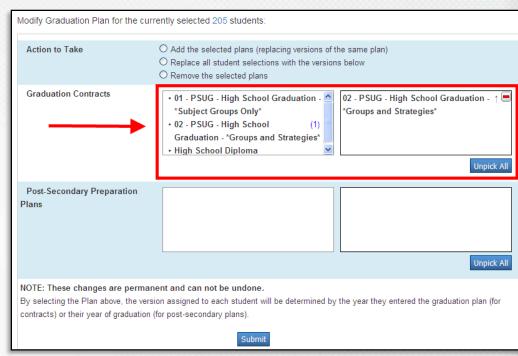


### **Multiple Students**

#### **Graduation Contracts:**

- Click the plan in the left list box.
- Use the arrows in the right list box to determine display order.
- Click red minus button to remove a single plan.
- Click Unpick All to







- Select Student
- Click Graduation Plan Progress under Academics
- Plans are listed in the order defined on the Graduation Plan Selection screen





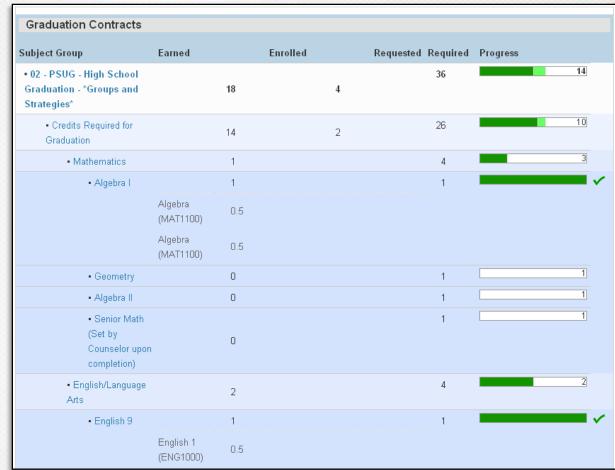
### **Graduation Plan Progress includes:**

- Subject Group
- Courses and credits completed
- Courses and credits currently enrolled
- Total number of credits required
- Progress bar:
  - Completed courses in dark green
  - Currently enrolled courses in light green
  - Requested courses in yellow
  - Number of credits needed



Check mark indicates requirements have been met

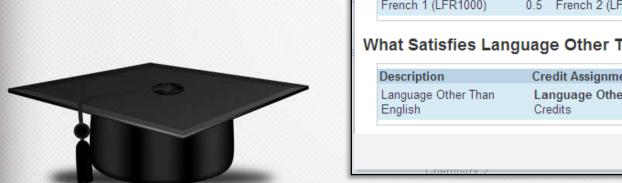
**Graduation Plan Progress Sample** 

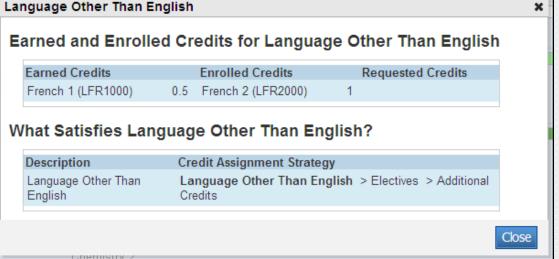




### **Pop-up Windows**

- Clicking the Graduation Plan or Subject Group opens a pop-up window that displays:
  - Earned Credits
  - Enrolled Credits
  - Requested Credits
- Credit Assignment Strategy included for Subject Groups





### **Graduation Progress Report**

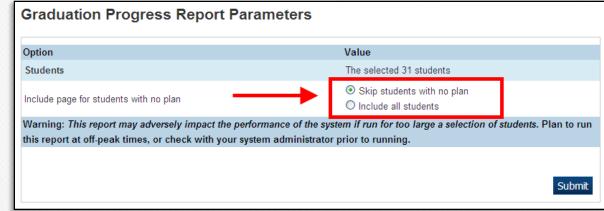
- Select a student or a group of students
  - Selecting large group of students may impact system performance
  - Run report at off-peak times for large groups
- Select Graduation Progress Report from Functions pop-up list
- Report can also be ran by going to: Special Functions > Group Functions > Graduation Progress Report





### **Graduation Progress Report**

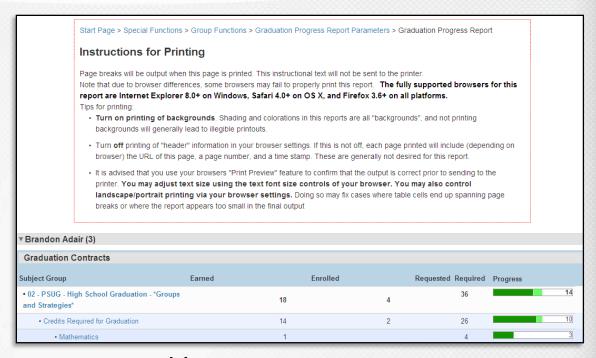
- Report options include:
  - Skip students with no plan
  - Include all students
- Click the Submit button to generate the report to the screen

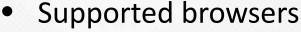




### **Graduation Progress Report**

- **Printing instructions** listed at the top of the screen
  - Turn on printing of backgrounds
  - Turn off printing of header information
  - Use Print Preview to confirm output





- Internet Explorer 6.0+
- Safari 2.0+
- Firefox 3.0+



### **Graduation Progress Summary**

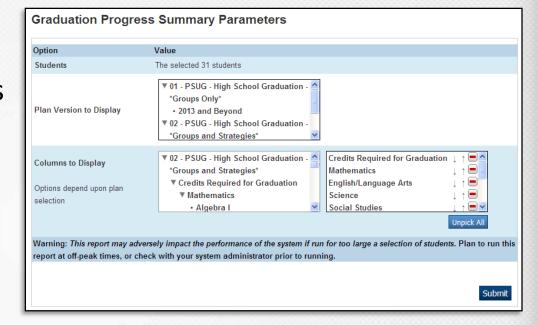
- Graphical representation of student's grad plan progress
- Select student or groups of students
  - Selecting large group of students may impact system performance
  - Run report at off-peak times for large groups
- Select Graduation Progress Summary from Functions pop-up list
- Report can also be ran by going to: Special Functions > Group Functions > Graduation Progress Summary





### **Graduation Progress Summary**

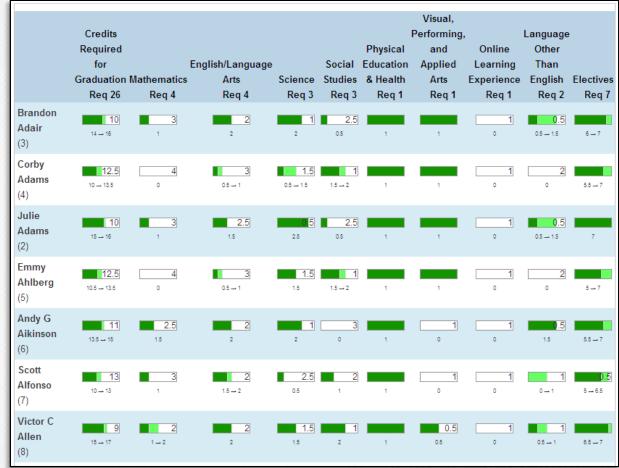
- Select Plan Version to Display
- Selectors will be displayed in the Columns to Display left list box
- Click appropriate selectors
- Use arrows in right list box to order selectors
- Click submit to generate





### **Graduation Progress Summary**

Graduation **Progress Summary Report Sample** 

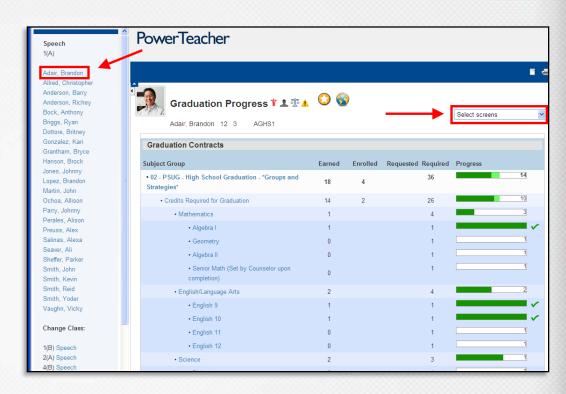




### **Teacher View**

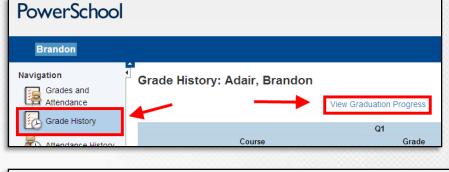
- Login to PowerTeacher
- Select a Class by clicking on the backpack licon for that course
- Select a Student
- Click Select Screen and select Graduation Plan **Progress**

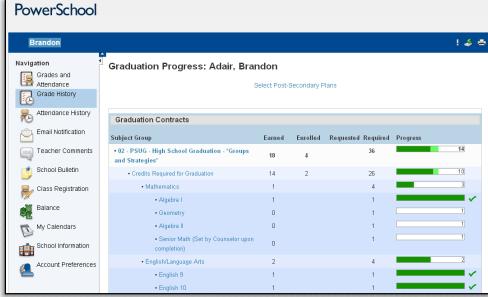




### Parent/Student Portal

- Login to Parent/Student portal
- Select Grade History
- Select View Graduation **Progress**







### Questions/Comments/End





