

**Mississippi Scholars Curriculum**

for Seniors of School Year 2016 and Later

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS**

4 credits must consist of:

* English I (1)
* English II (1)
* Two additional English credits above English II and approved for admission to IHL

**MATHEMATICS**

4 credits must consist of:

* Algebra I (1)
* Geometry (1)
* Algebra II (1)
* And one Carnegie Unit of comparable rigor and content may come from Mathematics courses approved for Mississippi Scholars Credit

**SCIENCE**

4 credits must consist of:

* Biology I (1)
* Chemistry (1)
* Any 2 Carnegie Units of comparable rigor and content above Biology I and Chemistry (Physics [1] preferred). Additionally, 1 Carnegie unit may come from a Career Technical Education course.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

4 credits must consist of:

* World Geography (1/2)
* Mississippi Studies (1/2)
* World History Studies (1)
* U.S. History (1)
* U.S. Government (1/2)
* Economics (1/2)

**ARTS**

1 credit of:

* One Carnegie Unit of visual and performing arts meeting the requirements for high school graduation or
* Two units for completion of the 2-course sequence Computer Graphics Technology I & II

**ADVANCED ELECTIVES**

2 credits must consist of:

* Two Foreign Languages or a 5th Math or 5th Science of higher rigor
* Any 2 dual credit courses

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

* **80 hours of community or volunteer service** during high school for seniors graduating in 2022 and later
* Minimum of **18 ACT Composite Score** (Overall Score) for seniors graduating in 2016 and later
* **2.5** cumulative high school **GPA** on a 4.0 scale
* Three letters of recommendation (one from each of the following — principal, guidance counselor and business/community leader for students with more than 4 in-school suspensions)
* 95% school attendance during 4 years of high school
* No out-of-school suspension