

Course and Credit Requirements

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| English/ Language Arts | 8 credits Including a balance of literature, composition, and speech. |
| Mathematics | 6 credits (in grades 9-12) 2 credits: Algebra I 2 credits: Geometry 2 credits: Algebra II <small>Or complete Integrated Math I, II, and III for 6 credits. Students must take a math or quantitative reasoning course each year in high school</small> |
| Science | 6 credits 2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Chemistry I or Physics 2 credits: any Core 40 science course |
| Social Studies | 6 credits 2 credits: U.S. History 1 credit: U.S. Government 1 credit: Economics 2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World |
| College & Career Pathway | 1 credit 1 credit: Preparing for College & Careers |
| Directed Electives | 5 credits World Languages Fine Arts Career and Technical Education |
| Physical Education | 2 credits (Or 1 PE credit and 1 PE credit Waiver for Athletic Team Participation) |
| Health and Wellness | 1 credit |
| Electives* | 6 credits <small>(College and Career Pathway courses recommended)</small> |

41 Total State Credits Required

Schools may have additional local graduation requirements that apply to all students

* Specifies the number of electives required by the state. High school schedules provide time for many more electives during the high school years. All students are strongly encouraged to complete a College and Career Pathway (selecting electives in a deliberate manner) to take full advantage of career and college exploration and preparation opportunities.

For the **Core 40 with Academic Honors** diploma, students must:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 2 additional Core 40 math credits.
- Earn 6-8 Core 40 world language credits (6 credits in one language or 4 credits each in two languages).
- Earn 2 Core 40 fine arts credits.
- Earn a grade of a “C” or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of a “B” or better.
- Complete one of the following:
 - A. Earn 4 credits in 2 or more AP courses and take corresponding AP exams
 - B. Earn 6 verifiable transcribed college credits in dual credit courses from priority course list
 - C. Earn the following two:
 1. A minimum of 3 verifiable transcribed college credits from the priority course list,
 2. 2 credits in AP courses and corresponding AP exams,
 - D. Earn a composite score of 1250 or higher on the SAT and a minimum score of 560 on math and a 590 on ERW.
 - E. Earn an ACT composite score of 26 or higher and complete written section

For the **Core 40 with Technical Honors** diploma, students must:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 6 credits in the college and career preparation courses in a state-approved College & Career Pathway and one of the following:
 1. Pathway designated industry-based certification or credential, or
 2. Pathway dual credits from the lists of priority courses resulting in 6 transcribed college credits
- Earn a grade of “C” or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a “B” or better.
- Complete one of the following,
 - A. Any one of the options (A - E) of the Core 40 with Academic Honors
 - B. Earn the following scores or higher on WorkKeys; Reading for Information – Level 6, Applied Mathematics – Level 6, and Locating Information-Level 5.
 - C. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Accuplacer: Writing 80, Reading 90, Math 75.
 - D. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Compass; Algebra 6, Writing 70, Reading 80.