

## **General Diploma Requirements (Class of 2019):**

The amended 704 KAR 3:305, HB 380, the Bath County Board of Education and the Bath County High School SBDM Council collectively require all students to complete specific courses and meet certain requirements to be eligible to graduate and receive a diploma from Bath County High School. Students must take an English class each of the four (4) years they are in high school and must also take a mathematics class each of the four (4) years they are in high school. Below are the minimum required credits that a student must earn to graduate.

<b><u>Content Area</u></b>	<b><u>Credits Required</u></b>	<b><u>Specific Course Names</u></b>
<b>Language Arts</b>	<b>4</b>	English I ( 1 ), English II ( 1 ), English III ( 1 ), and a fourth credit at the appropriate level taken during the senior year by the student from those offered (English IV, English 099/100, or English 100/200)
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3</b>	Global Issues ( 1 ), World Civilization ( 1 ), and U.S. History ( 1 )
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>4</b>	Algebra I (1), Geometry (1), Algebra II (1), and a fourth credit at the appropriate level taken during the senior year by the student from those offered (Financial Literacy, Intro to College Algebra - MATH 091, Intermediate College Algebra - MATH 093, College Algebra - MATH 152, or Pre-Calculus – MATH 174).
<b>Science</b>	<b>3</b>	Integrated Science I ( 1 ), Integrated Science II ( 1 ), and Integrated Science III ( 1 )
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>	<b>1</b>	Health ( ½ ) and Physical Education ( ½ )
<b>Humanities</b>	<b>1</b>	One ( 1 ) HAVPA credit or specialization in art, drama, or music at BCHS (specialization means three years or more)
<b>Required Credits</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Students must still earn the total credits needed to graduate (25) by taking nine (9) electives.</b>

## **Graduation Date Policy:**

At Bath County High School, the date for graduation each year will be set in accordance with the following guidelines. Graduation will be held in the gymnasium at a time voted on by the senior class. The date will be on the first Saturday that immediately follows the last day of school for students. Senior Honors Night will always be held at 7:00 pm on the Thursday immediately before graduation in the cafeteria or the gymnasium at the high school.

## **Valedictorian and Salutatorian:**

The valedictorian(s) of each graduating class of Bath County High School will be the fulltime student(s) who has (have) attended Bath County High School for at least their entire senior year and who has (have) the highest non-weighted grade point average. Only fulltime students who will have earned a "College Ready" Diploma certification will be eligible to be valedictorian. In the event of a tie, then all those students who tied will be recognized as co-valedictorians and a salutatorian will still be recognized. The salutatorian(s) of each graduating class of Bath County High School will be the fulltime student(s) who has (have) attended Bath County High School for at least their entire senior year and who has (have) the next highest non-weighted grade point average below the valedictorian(s). Only fulltime students who will have earned a "College Ready" Diploma certification will be eligible to be salutatorian. In the event of a tie, then all those students who tied will be recognized as co-salutatorians.

## **"College Ready" Diploma:**

Students who plan to attend college must meet the General Diploma requirements set forth by the SBDM council, Kentucky Department of Education, and the Bath County Board of Education. Furthermore, students can be certified as "College Ready" by meeting the requirements for graduation as outlined by the Council on Post Secondary Education, achieve satisfactory performance\* in at least fourteen (14) "Honors"/Dual Credit courses beyond the minimum requirements of the Pre-College Curriculum, and meet the following four (4) criteria:

- a) achieve satisfactory performance in Chemistry I and Physics;
- b) achieve satisfactory performance in a senior level math class that includes Intro to College Algebra, Intermediate College Algebra, College Algebra, or Pre-Calculus (Algebra II or Financial Literacy do not fulfill this requirement);
- c) achieve satisfactory performance\* in at least two (2) dual credit courses out of the fourteen (14) taken through Bath County High School (the dual credit course can be in math, science, social studies, or English) **AND**
- d) achieve college benchmarks on the ACT as outlined by the Council on Post Secondary Education (CPE) in math, English, and reading (currently the Council on Post Secondary Education College Benchmark Scores on the ACT are as follows:
  - i. English – 18
  - ii. Mathematics – 19
  - iii. Reading – 20

\* satisfactory performance means a "C" average or higher as a final grade in the course.

## **Honors Courses:**

Bath County High School offers a variety of advanced courses at each grade level. A "Honors" is used to designate most of the accelerated courses for that serve to provide in-depth challenge to students. Students must meet certain criteria to enroll in a "Honors" course – parents of students who do not meet the set criteria may meet with the administration to request special permission for a student to enroll in the "Honors" course anyway. If permission is granted, the parent and student must enter into a contract to take the course. All of the "Honors" (accelerated courses) recognized by Bath County High School are listed below.

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| 9 <sup>th</sup> grade:  | English I – Honors, Integrated Science I - Honors, Government – Honors (if offered), World Cultures – Honors (if offered), Algebra I – Honors, and Advanced Algebra   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> grade: | English II – Honors, Geometry – Honors, Integrated Science II – Honors, and World Civilization – Honors   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> grade: | English III – Honors, Algebra II – Honors, US History – Honors, College Algebra (MATH 152 Dual Credit), Pre-Calculus (MATH 174 Dual Credit), Fundamentals of Speech (COM 108 Dual Credit), Sociology (SOC 101 Dual Credit), Sociology of Deviance (SOC 210 Dual Credit), Understanding Visual Art (FA 160 Dual Credit), Spanish 101 (SPA 101 Dual Credit), Spanish 102 (SPA 102 Dual Credit), Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Physics, and any other advanced dual credit course offered in conjunction with MSU, EKU, UK, or any other state college.       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> grade: | English 100 (ENG 100 Dual Credit), English 200 (ENG 200 Dual Credit), College Algebra (MATH 152 Dual Credit), Pre-Calculus (MATH 174 Dual Credit), Fundamentals of Speech (COM 108 Dual Credit), Sociology (SOC 101 Dual Credit), Sociology of Deviance (SOC 210 Dual Credit), Understanding Visual Art (FA 160 Dual Credit), Spanish 101 (SPA 101 Dual Credit), Spanish 102 (SPA 102 Dual Credit), Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Physics, and any other advanced dual credit course offered in conjunction with MSU, EKU, UK, or any other state college. |

## **Recognition of College Bound and "College Ready" Students:**

Students who graduate from Bath County High School and satisfy all of the requirements of the College Bound or "College Ready" Diploma will receive a special seal on their diploma, receive special recognition at graduation, and be allowed to wear a special stole/cloak or cord in recognition of this achievement. The guidance counselor and senior class coordinator will work collaboratively to determine those seniors who have met the criteria for being recognized as a college bound diploma or "college ready" recipient. Only students who complete a College Bound or "College Ready" Diploma are eligible for the "Top 10 Seniors" recognition or Valedictorian/Salutatorian.

### **"Career Ready" Diploma:**

In today's global market and difficult economic times, being successful in life requires more than just a general high school diploma. Students who graduate high school need to further their studies through college, technical school, or the military. For those students not choosing any of these options it is imperative that the students leave high school certified in an area that will allow them gainful employment – in other words they need to be certified as "Career Ready". Bath County High School is proud to offer a "Career Ready" Diploma option for students. For a student to receive a "Career Ready" diploma, they will need to have received certification in two (2) areas ways during high school: (1) competency in a career academic certification **and** (2) competency in a career technical certification. Students can demonstrate competency in two (2) career academic areas, either the A.S.V.A.B. (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test or through WorkKeys (designed by A.C.T.). While the A.S.V.A.B. assesses a student's literacy skills, as well as their career abilities, it also assists in helping students determine a career path through interest inventory questions and ability matching. In order to demonstrate "competency on the A.S.V.A.B., a student must score a 50 or higher to gain this certification. The WorkKeys is a test to assess a student's basic employability skills and this certification assures employers that an applicant has the basic skills necessary for a job.

Students can demonstrate competency in a career technical area in one of two (2) ways. They can "pass" the K.O.S.S.A. (Kentucky Occupational Skills Standards Assessment) or they can earn an actual "Industry Certification". The K.O.S.S.A. exam is offered to students who have taken three (3) or more classes in a certain career and technical education (CTE) area. The CTE areas offered at Bath County High School include Agriculture, Health Science, Business and Marketing, Family and Consumer Science, Technology Education, and Information Technology. The K.O.S.S.A. exam is created by industry leaders and administered through the Kentucky Department of Education on our campus through the guidance office. A student who demonstrates competency through a K.O.S.S.A. certification can use this on a resume to help gain an edge for employment and can also be used at state college and universities to replace a class they would have had to have taken in that specific major.

The second way a student can show competency in a career technical area is through acquiring an industry certification. There are numerous industry certifications, and these assessments are created by industry leaders and administered to students for a fee through a variety of governing boards (the fee is currently paid by Bath County High School). Students who demonstrate career technical competency by passing an industry certification can go out and get a job with this certificate. As of right now, Bath County High School offers three (3) industry certifications: Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3), CompTIA Strata IT Fundamentals, State Registered Nursing Assistant (SRNA)/Medicaid Nurse Aid (MNA), MOS Certification, Culinary (Pre-PAC), ServSafe, and Education (Pre-PAC).

Once a student has shown competency in at least one **(1)** of the career academic assessments and at least one **(1)** of the career technical assessments, that student is certified as "Career Ready". For additional information on College and Career Readiness check out Senate Bill 1 (Unbridled Learning) at <http://www.education.ky.gov/kde/administrative+resources/commissioner+of+education/unbridled+learning/> .

## **Grade Level Assignments:**

Students are classified and placed in a "grade level" based on the number of credits they have earned in their high school career. Once a student is placed in a "grade level", the student MUST remain in that classification for the remainder of that semester. Grade level assignments are only made at the beginning of each school year and after first semester (must be initiated by student request through the counselor's office). Students are classified in grade levels as follows:

<b><u>Credits Needed by Class</u></b>	<b><u>Grade Level Assignments</u></b>		
	<b><u>Sophomore</u></b> (Grade 10)	<b><u>Junior</u></b> (Grade 11)	<b><u>Senior</u></b> (Grade 12)
Class of 2019	6	12	18
Class of 2018	6	12	18
Class of 2017	6	12	18
Class of 2016	6	12	18

## **Course Sequencing:**

All courses must be taken in the order that has been set up by the school. Students cannot take a higher-level course without first having passed all the prerequisite courses. Under extreme circumstances the principal and/or guidance counselors in cooperation with all appropriate teachers may allow students to take two (2) required classes in the same subject together if no other options will permit the student to graduate on time. English classes must be taken in the appropriate order (English I, then English II, followed by English III, and then the appropriate level senior class (English IV, English 099/100, or English 100/200). Mathematics courses must be taken in the appropriate level as well. Students on the general diploma track must take Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and then Financial Literacy or Intro to College Algebra the senior year. College bound students must take Algebra I, Advanced Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, Intro to College Algebra, Intermediate College Algebra, College Algebra, and/or Pre-Calculus. Financial Literacy is not a math course option for college bound students their senior year.