

Graduation/College Preparation Requirements

MUSD High School Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 275 credits is required for students to earn a high school diploma. Semester courses are worth five credits each. Term courses, which are comprised of two continuous semesters, are worth ten credits each.

- 40 credits of English to include: English I, II, III and IV
- 30 credits in Mathematics to include:
 - a. 20 credits in mathematics department
 - b. 10 elective credits of math in either the mathematics department or approved elective courses that must be taken during junior or senior year
 - c. Equivalent of Algebra I to meet or exceed State Standards
- 30 credits in Social Science to include:
 - a. 10 credits in World History/AP European History
 - b. 10 credits in U.S. History
 - c. 5 credits in American Government
 - d. 5 credits in Economics
- 20 credits in Science to include:
 - a. 10 credits in Life Science
 - b. 10 credits in Physical Science
- 40 credits in Physical Education unless the pupil has been exempted pursuant to Board Policy 6178.2
- 5 credits in Health
- 10 credits in Fine Arts or World Languages
- 120 Electives

College Preparation A-G Requirements

There are several basic entrance requirements that are shared by colleges and universities. Heavy emphasis should be placed upon high school course selections in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, World Languages, as well as other A-G college preparation electives. Students must earn a “C” or better in all college prep classes. If you plan to attend a specific college or university, check with your counselor to make sure that you will be able to meet the necessary requirements for admission to that institution. It is required that all students planning to attend a four-year college or university complete, at minimum, the following:

- A. Two years of History/Social Science
- B. Four years of English
- C. Three years of Math required (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II); four years recommended
- D. Two years of Lab Science; three years recommended
- E. Two years of World Languages required; three recommended
- F. One year of Visual & Performing Arts
- G. One year of College Prep Elective

Students planning to attend a four-year college or university directly after high school graduation are required to take the SAT and/or the ACT. It is strongly recommended that students take the college entrance exam by the end of their junior year.

Ancillary Course Information

be.pathways: Various MUSD high schools offer specialized career pathways. See the listing below for current opportunities and see your counselor for more information.

be.connected	Sierra High School
be.farm2fork	Sierra High School
be.global	Weston Ranch High School
be.SPN	Manteca High School
be.vital	Weston Ranch High School

Credit from Other Courses

ENGLISH CREDIT FROM OTHER COURSES

The following classes also help meet the fourth-year English graduation requirement if taken during their senior year.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
AP English Language & Composition	10 credits
Creative Writing	10 credits
Journalism	10 credits

MATH CREDIT FROM OTHER COURSES

The following classes also help meet the third-year math graduation requirement if taken during junior or senior year and with prior approval of the principal.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Accounting I Automated (4725)	10 credits
Accounting II (4730)	10 credits
Advanced Drafting (5140)	10 credits
Ag Welding (6610)	5 credits
Ag Welding II (6620)	5 credits
Ag Wood I (6765)	5 credits
Advanced Ag Wood (6775)	5 credits
Architectural Drafting	5 credits
Automotive Technology I (5015)	10 credits
Business & Personal Finance (4700)	10 credits
Computer Programming & Game Design (4907)	10 credits
Cyber Physical Systems (2340)	10 credits
Drafting I (5110)	5 credits
Drafting II (5120)	5 credits
Metal I	5 credits
Metal II	5 credits
Metal Fabrication	10 credits
Robotics I (2127)	10 credits
Wood I (5310)	5 credits
Wood II (5320)	5 credits
Wood III (5330)	5 credits

Criteria for Determining Valedictorian/Salutatorian

1. Students must complete their entire senior year at a Manteca Unified School District high school.
2. Students must be enrolled in at least eight classes during their senior year.
3. Students in accelerated programs (graduating in less than four years) will not be considered for selection.
4. Valedictorian(s), Salutatorian(s) will be identified at the third quarter grading period of senior year.
5. When calculating a student's GPA for the purposes of determining the Valedictorian and Salutatorian status, it is necessary to establish a common number of credits, since mathematical GPA lowers with the greater number of courses taken.

A student's GPA will still be calculated by normalizing the extra grade points as directed below:

1. Figure non-weighted GPA throughout the 1st semester of the second term of the senior year.
 2. Calculate weighted GPA portion throughout the 1st semester of the second term of the senior year.
 3. Add step one and step two and round to the nearest hundredths.
6. Highest calculated GPA will be valedictorian and the second highest GPA will be salutatorian. The principal can determine a co-valedictorian or co-salutatorian in the event of a tie, with authorization of the Secondary Education.
 7. It is crucial that all high schools follow this procedure so that all students have an equal opportunity throughout the district. High Schools may not deviate from this formula for any reason.