

## HONORS DIPLOMA

*Students who intend on going to college after graduation should consider an Academic Honors Program.*

To graduate with Academic Honors, a student must:

1. Have **10 credits** in courses designated College Prep (see list below).
2. Have a Grade Point Average (**GPA**) of **3.50** after 7 semesters.
3. Have a **minimum of five (5) graded classes** each term for four years.
  - a. This does NOT include Pass/ No Pass classes (teacher aide, peer tutor, etc.).
4. Have an English (LA/WR) class **every** term (except Early College students).
5. Attend high school for **eight complete semesters**.
6. To be eligible for the title of Academic Top Ten, Valedictorian, or Salutatorian a student must have been in good behavioral standing through all 4 years of high school.

The Academic Honors Board, consisting of two counselors, the principal and two department chairs, will designate College Prep classes. The courses will be reviewed each year and will change as curriculum dictates. The Academic Honors Board will review the curriculum of transfer students to determine eligibility.

Designated College Prep Courses	Credit Available	Credit Earned	Designated College Prep Courses Continued	Credit Available	Credit Earned
Advanced Accounting	1.0		Foreign Language (any)	4.0	
Advanced Global Studies	1.0		Human Body Systems	1.0	
Advanced Psychology	1.0		Organic Chemistry	1.0	
Advanced US History	1.0		Statistics	1.0	
Algebra II	1.0		Writing 115, 121, 122	1.0	
Art 4/Advanced Art	1.0		All Honors or AP courses	Varies	
CAD 3-4	1.0		Pre-approved classes taken off campus	Varies	
College Algebra/Trig	1.0				
CP Physics/Physics	1.0				
Communications	0.5				

College Prep credit will not be:

- Issued for any regularly scheduled class taken on an independent study basis.
- Counted toward Academic Honors for any class taken before ninth grade. Students must take ten credits of college prep classes during grades 9-12.

College Prep credit can be authorized for certain classes that are taken at an accredited college or university with prior consent of a counselor as long as all above requirements (1-5) are also met.

Students participating in the Early College program may be considered eligible for the Honors Diploma on an individual basis with approval from the counseling department.

*To receive the **Valedictorian** and **Salutatorian** distinction students must earn an honors diploma. Students with the with the two highest GPA's OR all students tied for the highest GPA and meeting the requirements will be selected. Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Academic Top 10 will be determined based on 7<sup>th</sup> semester grades.*

## COLLEGE ADMISSON REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are for Oregon Public Universities. Most private colleges/universities and some state schools in other states have higher admission standards than those given above. Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to obtain specific information from the colleges they are considering. This information can usually be found on websites. Work with your counselor to make sure you are meeting these requirements.

<b>English</b>	(4 credits)	
<b>Mathematics</b>	(3 credits)	Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 or higher.
<b>Science</b>	(3 credits)	1.0 credit of each of a Life Science (Biology) & Physical Science (Physical Sci, Chemistry, or Physics).
<b>Social Sciences</b>	(3 credits)	
<b>Foreign Language</b>	(2 credits)	The same foreign language for both years. (other ways of meeting this requirement exist)

In addition to the course requirements, an applicant to any state university must achieve a certain GPA (which varies by the school) and must take at least one of the college admission tests: SAT and/or ACT. A core class with a “D” on a transcript will not be accepted.

## NCAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### DIVISION 1:

A student must graduate high school and meet **ALL** the following requirements:

- Complete 16 core courses:
  - Four years of English
  - Three years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
  - Two years of natural/physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it)
  - One additional year of English, math or natural/physical science
  - Two years of social science
  - Four additional years of English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy
- Complete 10 core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before their seventh semester. Once the student begins their seventh semester, they may not repeat or replace any of those 10 courses to improve their core-course GPA.
- Earn at least a 2.3 GPA in your core courses.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching their core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale, which balances test scores and core-course GPA. If the student has a low test score, they need a higher core-course GPA to be eligible. If they have a low core-course GPA, they need a higher test score to be eligible.

### DIVISION 2-3:

Requirements are slightly different, check with your counselor for more information.

You must register to be eligible. Website: [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

## COLLEGE CREDIT OPTIONS

Stayton High School is in partnership with various programs to award college credit. These programs are College Credit Now (CCN), Willamette Promise (WP), Linn-Benton Community College, and AP courses through College Board. CCN credit is issued through Chemeketa Community College. Willamette Promise credit is issued through Western Oregon University. Students also have an opportunity to gain college credit by mastering AP exams and receiving certain scores set by their enrolling institution.

### Items to Note:

- College credit is awarded based on student performance. The teacher of the specific course will make the final determination regarding the college grades and credit granted based upon the student's competency of each standard in the course. College credit will not be awarded if satisfactory grades are not achieved.
- AP credit awarded varies based upon institution and score received by the student. We entered common credits awarded from Oregon institutions received by students with high scores.
- In most cases, these credits can be transferred to public colleges in Oregon. Students going to private or out-of-state colleges should contact the specific colleges to determine if credit is transferable.
- Instructions on how to register will be provided by teacher if credit is to be awarded.
- There will be a fee for these credits. They vary by year and program. Speak with the teacher for a current list of prices. You will not be able to pay in advance as credit is determined by the teacher if competency is met by the student.

**Courses and fees are subject to changes made by the high school or partner program.**

<b>Stayton High School Course</b>	<b>College Equivalency</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Institution Issuing Credit</b>
Advanced Accounting	BA115	3	Chemeketa (CCN)
Advanced Art		varies	AP course
AP Psychology	PSY 201	4	AP course/Western Oregon (WP)
Advanced US History		varies	AP course
Algebra II	MTH95	4	Western Oregon (WP)
Anatomy & Physiology	BI103, BI200	3, 2	Oregon Tech
AP Environmental Science		varies	AP course
AP Literature		3	AP course
AP Calculus A/B		varies	AP course
College Algebra	MA111	5	Western Oregon (WP)
College Chemistry	CH 104, CH150	5, 5	Western Oregon (WP)
Communications	COM111	4	Western Oregon (WP)
Computer Literacy	CA121	3	Chemeketa (CCN)
Human Body Systems	BI103, BI200	3,2	Oregon Tech
Introduction to Business	BA101	3	Chemeketa (CCN)
Spanish 3 & 4	SPN 101-103, 201-203	4 each	Western Oregon (WP)
Manufacturing /Fabrication (all courses)	Varies	2-6 each	Linn-Benton
Web Page Design	CIS178i	3	Chemeketa (CCN)
Writing 115-121 & 121-122	WR115,WR121,WR122	9	Chemeketa (CCN)