

Course and Credit Requirements

Language Arts	8 credits Including a balance of literature, composition and speech. Regular or Honors
Mathematics	6 credits 2 credits: Algebra I 2 credits: Geometry 2 credits: Algebra II. <i>Students must take a math or quantitative reasoning course each year of high school.</i>
Science	6 credits 2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Integrated Chemistry-Physics OR Chemistry I (Honors) 2 credits: Chemistry I, Physics I, Bio II, or Chem II
Social Studies	7 credits 2 credits: Geography/History of the World 2 credit: U.S. History 1 credit: Economics 2 credits: U.S. Government
Directed Electives	5 credits World Languages Fine Arts Career and Technical Education
Physical Education	2 credits
Health	1 credit
College & Career	1 credit
Electives	14 credits (Career Academic Sequence Recommended)

50 Total Credits Required

Each student will receive personal financial responsibility instruction.

CORE40 with Academic Honors (56 credits)

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

- Complete all requirements for Core 40
- Earn 8 math credits in high school
- Earn 6 credits in one language or 4 credits each in two languages
- Earn 2 fine arts credits
- Earn a grade of a “C” or better in courses (no “C-” or lower)
- Have a grade point average of “3.00” or higher.
- Complete one of the following:
 - A. Complete two AP courses and corresponding AP exams
 - B. Complete two dual high school/college credit courses (ACP course which creates a college transcript with 6 credit hours)
 - C. Complete one AP course and exam **plus** one ACP dual high school/college class (college transcript with 3 credit hours)
 - D. Earn a combined score of 1250 or higher on the SAT with minimum 560 on math and 590 on evidence based reading and writing section.
 - E. Score a 26 or higher composite on the ACT, including the written section.

Students who earn the Honors Diploma and meet state financial need guidelines can receive money for tuition and fees at eligible colleges and universities. Some colleges also give automatic scholarships to students who receive the Honors Diploma.

CORE40 with Technical Honors (56 credits)

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

- Complete all requirements for Core 40 OR Honors diploma.
- Complete a career-technical program (8 credits via John Hinds Career Center)
- Complete the following:
 - Earn minimum scores on Workkeys, Accuplacer, or Compass exam OR earn an academic honors diploma
 - Complete an industry-based work experience OR earn 6 dual credits resulting in a college transcript

Students must receive at least a C in required classes and an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.

General Diploma (50 credits)

Credits must include 8 English, 4 Math (2 Algebra, 2 math, and 2 credits in a quantitative reasoning course during junior or senior year), 4 Science (2 Biology + 1 from Physical or Earth science), 2 US History, 2 Government, 2 PE, 1 Health, and 26 of electives. Student must have been enrolled and attended high school (grades 9 -12) for a minimum of seven (7) semesters and pass the state’s required course assessments or be eligible for a waiver. THS or parent must opt-out student from the Core 40 diploma to pursue this option.