

Course and Credit Requirements

English/ Language Arts	8 credits
	Including a balance of literature, composition and speech.
Mathematics	6 credits
	2 credits: Algebra I 2 credits: Geometry 2 credits: Algebra II <i>All students must complete a math or physics course in the junior or senior year.</i>
Science	6 credits
	2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry-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
Directed Electives	5 credits
	World Languages Fine Arts Career and Technical Education
Physical Education	2 credits
Health and Wellness	1 credit (or 3 credits in FACS sequence)
Electives*	6 credits 1 Credit: Preparing for College and Careers

42 Total 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.

CORE40 with Academic Honors *(minimum 47 credits)*

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 grade point average of a “B” or better.
- Complete one of the following:
 - A. Complete AP courses (4 credits) and corresponding AP exams
 - B. Earn a combined score of 1200 or higher on the SAT critical reading and mathematics
 - C. Score a 26 or higher composite on the ACT
 - D. Complete dual credit/college credit courses from an accredited postsecondary institution (6 transferable college credits)
 - E. Complete a combination of an AP course (2 credits and corresponding exam) and dual high school/college credit course(s) from an accredited postsecondary institution (3 transferable college credits)

CORE40 with Technical Honors *(minimum 47 credits)*

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

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Complete a career-technical program (8 or more related 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.
- Recommended: Earn 2 additional credits in mathematics and 4-8 credits in World Languages for four year college admission.
- Complete two of the following, one must be A or B:
 - A. Score at or above the following levels on WorkKeys; Reading for Information – Level 6, Applied Mathematics – Level 6, and Locating Information-Level 5.
 - B. Complete dual high school/college credit courses in a technical area (6 college credits)
 - C. Complete a Professional Career Internship course or Cooperative Education course (2 credits)
 - D. Complete an industry-based work experience as part of a two-year career-technical education program (minimum 140 hours)
 - E. Earn a state-approved, industry-recognized certification