### Course and Credit Requirements

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<th>Subject</th>
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<td><strong>English/Language Arts</strong></td>
<td>8 credits</td>
<td>Including a balance of literature, composition and speech.</td>
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| **Mathematics**        | 6 credits | (in grades 9-12)  
2 credits: Algebra I  
2 credits: Geometry  
2 credits: Algebra II  
Or complete Integrated Math I, II, and III for 6 credits. Students must take a math course or quantitative reasoning course each year in high school. |
| **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 |                                                                                  |
| **Electives**          | 6 credits | (College and Career Pathway courses recommended)                              |

**40 Total State 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.

**Scores updated September, 2017**

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**Core 40 with Academic Honors**

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. Earn 4 credits in 2 or more AP courses and take corresponding AP exams
  B. Earn 6 verifiable transcripted college credits in dual credit courses from the approved dual credit list.
  C. Earn two of the following:
     1. A minimum of 3 verifiable transcripted college credits from the approved dual credit list,
     2. 2 credits in AP courses and corresponding AP exams,
     3. 2 credits in IB standard level courses and corresponding IB exams.
  D. Earn a composite score of 1250 or higher on the SAT and a minimum of 560 on math and 590 on the evidence based reading and writing section.
  E. Earn an ACT composite score of 26 or higher and complete written section
  F. Earn 4 credits in IB courses and take corresponding IB exams.

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**Core 40 with Technical Honors**

For the Core 40 with Technical Honors diploma, students must:
- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 6 credits in the college and career preparation courses in a state-approved College & Career Pathway and one of the following:
  1. Pathway designated industry-based certification or credential, or
  2. Pathway dual credits from the approved dual credit list resulting in 6 transcripted college 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.
- Complete one of the following:
  A. Any one of the options (A - F) of the Core 40 with Academic Honors
  B. Earn the following scores or higher on WorkKeys: Reading for Information – Level 6, Applied Mathematics – Level 6, and Locating Information - Level 5.
  C. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Accuplacer: Writing 80, Reading 90, Math 75.
  D. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Compass: Algebra 66, Writing 70, Reading 80.

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Effective beginning with students who enter high school in 2012-13 school year (class of 2016).