

## Course and Credit Requirements

<b>English/ Language Arts</b>	<b>8 credits</b>
	Including a balance of literature, composition and speech.
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>6 credits (in grades 9-12)</b>
	2 credits: Algebra I 2 credits: Geometry 2 credits: Algebra II <i>Or complete Integrated Math I, II, and III for 6 credits. Students must take a math or quantitative reasoning course each year in high school</i>
<b>Science</b>	<b>6 credits</b>
	2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry-Physics 2 credits: any Core 40 science course
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>6 credits</b>
	2 credits: U.S. History 1 credit: U.S. Government 1 credit: Economics 2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World
<b>Directed Electives</b>	<b>5 credits</b>
	World Languages Fine Arts Career and Technical Education
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>2 credits</b>
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Electives*</b>	<b>6 credits</b> <small>(College and Career Pathway courses recommended)</small>

## 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.

## 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. Earn 4 credits in 2 or more AP courses and take corresponding AP exams
  - B. Earn 6 verifiable transcribed college credits in dual credit courses from the approved dual credit list.
  - C. Earn two of the following:
    1. A minimum of 3 verifiable transcribed 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 combined score of 1750 or higher on the SAT critical reading, mathematics and writing sections and a minimum score of 530 on each
  - 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.

## CORE40 with Technical Honors

(minimum 47 credits)

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. State approved, industry recognized certification or credential, or
  2. Pathway dual credits from the approved dual credit list resulting in 6 transcribed 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.

**CORE40 with Academic Honors** (minimum 47 credits)

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	Including a balance of literature, composition and speech.
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>6 credits</b>
	2 credits: Algebra I
	2 credits: Geometry
	2 credits: Algebra II <i>Or complete Integrated Math I, II, and III for 6 credits.</i> All students must complete a math or physics course in the junior or senior year.
<b>Science</b>	<b>6 credits</b>
	2 credits: Biology I
	2 credits: Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry-Physics
	2 credits: any Core 40 science course
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>6 credits</b>
	2 credits: U.S. History
	1 credit: U.S. Government
	1 credit: Economics
	2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World
<b>Directed Electives</b>	<b>5 credits</b>
	World Languages
	Fine Arts Career-Technical
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>2 credits</b>
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Electives*</b>	<b>6 credits</b> <small>(Career Academic Sequence Recommended)</small>
<b>40 Total State Credits Required</b>	

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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:
  - G. Complete AP courses (4 credits) and corresponding AP exams
  - H. Complete IB courses (4 credits) and corresponding IB exams
  - I. Earn a combined score of 1200 or higher on the SAT critical reading and mathematics
  - J. Score a 26 or higher composite on the ACT
  - K. Complete dual high school/college credit courses from an accredited postsecondary institution (6 transferable college credits)
  - L. Complete a combination of an AP course (2 credits and corresponding exam) or an IB Standard Level 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:
  - E. Score at or above the following levels on WorkKeys: Reading for Information - Level 6; Applied Mathematics - Level 6; Locating Information - Level 5
  - F. Complete dual high school/college credit courses in a technical area (6 college credits)
  - G. Complete a Professional Career Internship course or Cooperative Education course (2 credits)
  - H. Complete an industry-based work experience as part of a two-year career-technical education program (minimum 140 hours)
  - I. Earn a state-approved, industry-recognized certification