

Course and Credit Requirements

English/ Language Arts	8 credits
	2 credits: English 9 2 credits: English 10 2 credits: English 11 2 credits: English 12 <i>A balance of literature, composition & speech</i>
Mathematics	6 credits (in grades 9-12)
	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>
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
Directed Electives	5 credits
	World Languages Fine Arts 2 credits: Career Planning & Digital Citizenship
Physical Education	2 credits <i>Advanced/Elective PE does not fulfill this requirement.</i>
Health and Wellness	1 credit
Electives*	11 credits <i>*College and Career Pathway courses recommended</i>
45 Total NPHS Credits Required	

* 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.

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

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- English credits earned the junior & senior years must be from Adv. English or AP English Literature or AP/DC Language Composition.
- 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 both 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,
 - 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

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 - E) 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.