

### Course and Credit Requirements

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

\* 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.