

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

12/06/06

Classes of 2008 to 2010	Class of 2011 and Beyond
1. All students must complete a minimum of 27 credits. One-half credit is earned for each term of course work.	1. All students must complete a minimum of 28 credits. One-half credit is earned for each term of course work.
2. Students must complete all the required classes for graduation and earn 27 credits in order to participate in commencement.	2. Students must complete all the required classes for graduation and earn 28 credits in order to participate in commencement.
3. Twelve terms of attendance in grades 9-12 are required.	3. Twelve terms of attendance in grades 9-12 are required.
4. It is expected that all students will take five courses each term.	4. It is expected that all students will take five courses each term.
5. Minimum credits toward graduation requirements must be earned in the following courses:	5. Minimum credits toward graduation requirements must be earned in the following courses:
English – 4 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 credit English 9 ▪ 1 credit English 10 ▪ 1 credit from either A. two of the following: African-American Lit, American Lit and Language – Issues, American Lit and Language – Themes, Minority Voices in American Lit, (07-08 yr only) OR B. two terms of AP Language & Composition ▪ 1 credit English elective 	English – 4 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 credit English 9 ▪ 1 credit English 10 – American Literature ▪ 1 credit English 11 – World Literature ▪ 1 credit English elective
Mathematics – 3 credits	Mathematics – 4 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 credit Algebra I ▪ 1 credit Algebra II ▪ 1 credit Geometry ▪ 1 credit of math elective during final year of high school
Science – 3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 credit life science ▪ 1 credit physical science ▪ 1 credit elective 	Science – 3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 credit Biology ▪ 1 credit Chemistry ▪ .5 credit Earth Science ▪ .5 credit Physics
Social Studies – 3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 credit Major Concepts in Social Science (Civics & Economics) ▪ .5 credit, International Studies Menu including International Affairs, Sociology, Current Issues in Geography & Economics, World Religions and AP Comparative Government ▪ 1 credit American History ▪ .5 credit elective 	Social Studies – 3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ .5 credit Civics ▪ .5 credit Economics ▪ 1 credit U.S. History & Geography ▪ 1 credit World History & Geography
Physical Education – 1.5 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ .5 credit Health ▪ .5 credit Introduction to Physical Education ▪ .5 credit elective 	Physical Education – 1.5 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ .5 credit Health ▪ .5 credit Introduction to Physical Education ▪ .5 credit elective
Fine Arts – .5 credit From Art, Dance, Drama, Humanities, or Music courses	Fine Arts – .5 credit From Art, Dance, Drama, Humanities, or Music courses
Applied Arts – .5 credit From Business, Life Management or Tech Ed Departments	Applied Arts – .5 credit From Business, Life Management or Tech Ed Departments
	Online Learning Experience – Course, Learning or Integrated Learning Experience
	World Languages – 2 credits effective with the Class of 2016 In grades 9-12: OR an equivalent learning experience in grades K-12

Identified Advance Placement (AP) courses may be taken as alternative required courses for 10th, 11th or 12th grade students in English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.