

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

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</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>	

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 Career Academic Sequences (selecting electives in a deliberate manner) to take full advantage of career exploration and preparation opportunities.

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