

Class of 2028 & Beyond Requirements For Honors Diploma

CURRICULAR AREAS	HONORS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS
LANGUAGE ARTS	4 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must include: 1 credit of English 1, 1 credit of English 2 & 1 credit of English 3 or equivalent.
MATHEMATICS	4 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must earn four credits of math (May include 8th grade Algebra I) 3 credits of math must be earned in grades 9-12. Professional Math/Consumer Math do not count toward honors diploma requirement.
SCIENCE	3 credits (2 credits must be a lab class) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must include 1 credit of Biology 1 credit may be substituted by earning a combination of the following 3 credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 credit Ag. Science 1 AND 1 credit Ag. Science 2 AND 1 credit of the following science-based Ag. courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal Science Horticulture
SOCIAL STUDIES	3 credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must include 1 credit of World History, 1 credit of American History, 1 credit of Government
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1 credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must include ½ credit of PE 1 or Freshmen Weights
HEALTH	½ credit
PRACTICAL ARTS	½ credit
PERSONAL FINANCE	½ credit
FINE ARTS	1 credit
GENERAL ELECTIVES	4.5 credits
SPECIFIED ELECTIVES	3*credits
TOTAL	25 credits

Attendance: The persistence to graduation standard requires all students to be in attendance a minimum of 90% of the school year. Our school year is based on a 149-day school calendar year which is divided into two semesters. A student must be in attendance at least 67 days per semester. This allows students 7 days or 49 hours per semester for illness or personal appointments that cannot be scheduled outside the regular school day. We strongly recommend that students schedule their personal appointments on Monday.

U.S. and Missouri Constitution Tests: Students must pass the U.S. Constitution test and the Missouri Constitution test in order to graduate. These tests are given in the junior level government class.

Standardized Tests: Must score at or above the state average on the ACT, WorkKeys, or SAT assessment.

CPR: All students must pass the CPR test to graduate. This test is given in health.

Overall GPA: The overall GPA will be a 3.5.

***Specified Electives:** At least 3 credits selected from foreign language and/or combinations of 2 or more of the following subject areas: Communications Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Advanced Practical and Fine Arts.

8th grade algebra I: Will be transcribed on high school transcript.

Cum Laude: Honors Diploma is not required for Cum Laude Awards. For recognition purposes the class rank will be determined for graduating seniors based on the first seven semesters' cumulative G.P.A. The following levels of recognition will be awarded (G.P.A. will be calculated to the nearest hundredth):

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| 1. Summa Cum Laude | 3.95 and above |
| 2. Magna Cum Laude | 3.85-3.94 |
| 3. Cum Laude | 3.75-3.84 |