

Introduction and Overview of Merit Diploma

To achieve the Merit Diploma in any specific department requires a more in depth program of study in the area of emphasis. Students may be eligible for merit status in more than one department. Students are recognized at the graduation ceremony for their extra effort.

A Merit Diploma awarded to students who fulfill the requirements for a Canyon View High School diploma, completion of the Part 1 Merit Diploma form, along with additional qualifications per department. The student must maintain a 90% attendance average each year, complete 40 hours of documented volunteer service, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

Overview of Department Requirements

Academics (Counseling- Mrs. Taintor) (Teal)

- Complete 4 English credits
- Complete 4 Math credits
- Complete 3 Science credits with lab
- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA in all courses

Agricultural Science (Mrs. Knowles) (Dark/Forest Green)

- Complete 3 Agricultural classes
- Be a member of FFA
- Earn State FFA Degree

Art/Visual (Mr. Brown) (Royal Purple)

- Complete 3 Art classes with 3.5 GPA
- Complete 1 advanced art classes with 3.5 GPA
- Participate in 3 Art shows/competitions
- Participate in 1 extra curricular art related activity
- Prepare portfolio

Business & Marketing (Mr. Rob Potter) (Red)

- Complete a total of 5 AT or IT business classes
- Be an active member of FBLA for at least two years
- Maintain a 3.5 GPA

CTE General (Mrs. Spencer) (Orange)

- Complete a total of 6 classes in any CTE areas (Business, FACS, AG Woods, Engineering)
- Be a member of FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, TSA, or SkillsUSA
- Submit a resume that includes Leadership, Service and Academics
- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA

Communications (Mrs. Addison) (Navy Blue)

- Complete 2 years of Yearbook
- Maintain a 4.0 GPA in their Yearbook class
- Complete a reflective Yearbook portfolio of work samples.

Dance (Mrs. Grimes) (Gold)

- Complete 3 dance classes and maintain a 3.5 GPA in each class. One of which needs to be an advanced dance class and 90% attendance.
- Participate in at least 3 CVHS dance performances or competitions
- Participate in 1 extracurricular dance related activity
- Prepare Resume/portfolio including certificates, awards, programs, pictures, etc. of requirements.

Engineering Technology (Mr. Benson) (Maroon)

- Complete and earn credit for 2 years of CTE (grades 9–12) in one or more of the following courses: Architectural Design, Mechanical Design, Electronics, Engineering Principles, Manufacturing Principles, Robotics, or Engineering Capstone.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher in all engineering and technology classes.
- Complete one state Engineering & Technology skills exam with a score of 80% or higher, *or* earn an A in a concurrent course.
- Maintain and submit an architectural or engineering portfolio documenting skills from 4 semesters (2 years) of coursework (course-required notebook accepted).

Complete and submit one of the following:

- A full set of mechanical drawings (complete design with all conventions shown)
- A set of architectural drawings (residential or light commercial)
- A prototype build from Electronics, Robotics, or Engineering Capstone

English (Mrs. Rigby) (Silver)

- Complete 4 years of sequential English classes 9-12
- Maintain a 3.7 cumulative GPA in English.
- Complete an Honors, AP or concurrent enrollment English class.
- Complete a portfolio of writing samples from English class.

Family and Consumer Science

(Mrs. Baker) (Dark Blue)

- Complete any 4 Family and Consumer Science classes.
- Maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA
- Be an active member of FCCLA for at least 1 year.

Foreign Language (Mr. Staheli) (Yellow)

- Complete 3 years of a foreign language.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Complete the following:
 - A final interview with your teacher in your target language

Mathematics (Mr. Despain) (White)

- Complete 4 years of sequential mathematics classes.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA in all Math classes.
- Complete 1 year of AP Calculus, Math 1050, Precalculus or Modern Math

Music (Mr. Byers) (Light Purple)

- Participate in 4 years of any combination of music ensembles.
- Participate in a minimum of 2 years in second ensemble
- Maintain an “A” average in all music classes
- Complete one or more of the following:
 - Participate in a minimum of 2 years at Region Solo and Ensemble (small group)
 - Complete MUSIC 1010
 - Participate in an extra-curricular music activity (ie pit orchestra, community choir/orchestra/band, etc)

Physical Education (Mr. Jacobson) (Brown)

- Complete a semester of PE credit all 4 years of high school (excluding Athletics)
- Provide a signature from the coach for the sport played at CVHS
- Complete a resume of accomplishments in PE, including: Participation on an athletic team in at least one of the following sports each year: Swimming, Football, Cross Country, Soccer,

Basketball, Tennis, Wrestling, Track, Baseball, Softball, Drill and Cheer.

- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA or better in all PE courses.

Science (Mrs. Julander) (Black)

- Complete 3 years of science from the following: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, any science Concurrent Enrollment.
- Maintain no grade lower than a B- in each Science class.
- Earn an 80% in a Concurrent Enrollment course, including lab.
- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA

Social Science (Mr. Comstock) (Pink)

- Meet the Social Studies requirements for graduation.
- Maintain a 3.5 GPA in all Social Science classes.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA overall.
- No F's on transcript.
- Complete at least two AP or Concurrent Enrollment Social Studies Courses.
- Complete and turn in the portfolio.

Theatre (Mrs. Rushton/Mrs. Barrick) (Ivory/Cream)

- Take two Theatre classes with an average A- or higher grade.
- Extra Curricular: Acting, Dancing, Design, Stage Crew in a minimum of 6 CVHS Productions or Competitions. (Shakespeare Competition, UTA, regions and state drama and one-act play.)
- Take the Advanced Theatre team and maintain at least a 3.5 GPA in that class with 90% attendance.
- Prepare a portfolio.

Woods/Trade & Technology (Mr. Sorensen) (Lime Green)

- Complete Woodworking I, II and III.
- Maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA in all woodworking classes.
- Be a member of Skills USA.