# HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



24-CREDIT STANDARD DIPLOMA

#### What are the requirements for the 24-credit standard diploma?

- 4 Credits in English/Language Arts (English I, II, III, and IV)
- 4 Credits in Mathematics (one of which must be Algebra I and one of which must be Geometry)
- 3 Credits in Science (one of which must be Biology)
- 3 Credits Social Studies (World History/American History/Economics/Government)
- 1 Credit in Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts
- 1 Credit In Physical Education (HOPE)
- 8 Elective Credits
- 1 Online Course (APEX Course Works)

Usual Progression for SJTHS Students:

Math: Algebra IA/Algebra IB/LAM I/Geometry

Algebra I/LAM I/Geometry/Math for College Readiness

18 credit ACCEL Diploma-distinction between 18 credit and Standard: 3 elective credits instead of 8/PE not required/online course not required

## STATE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN STANDARD DIPLOMA

Students must pass the Grade 10 FSA ELA or obtain the ACT/SAT concordant score

Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) or a comparative score on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)

High School students must participate in the EOC assessments and the results constitute 30 percent of the final course grade.

Algebra I

Biology I

Geometry

**US** History

### **GPA**

In order to obtain a Standard High School Diploma you must earn a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

What does that mean?

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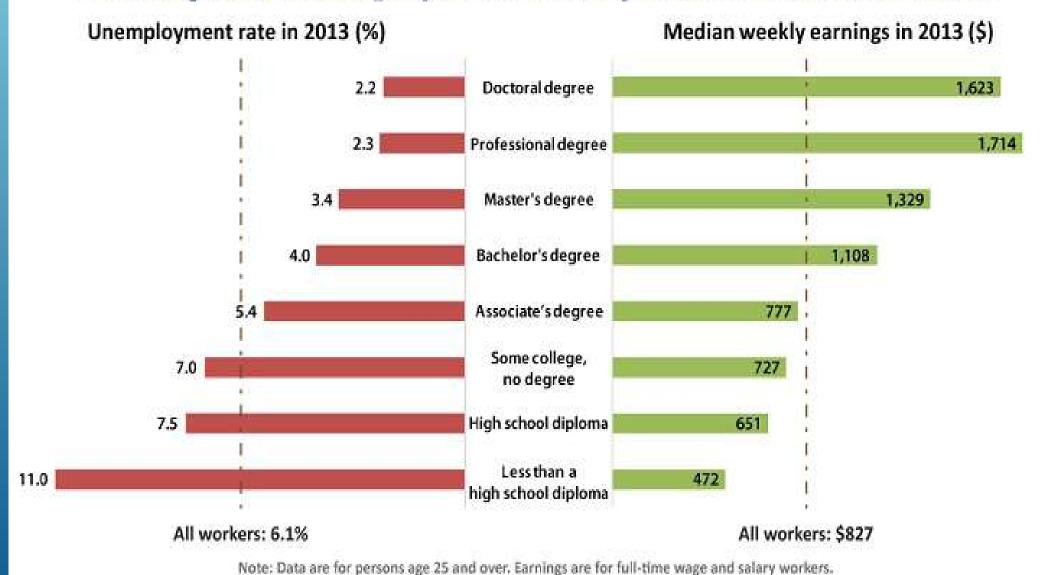
B=3

C=2

D=1

Your GPA changes in January and June (at the end of 1st and 2nd semester)

### Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment



Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor