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Academic Honors Diploma Checklist

Honors diploma criteria are set by the state of Ohio. Students must meet 6 of the 7 following criteria to earn an academic honors diploma at graduation.

_____ 4 Credits of Math. Students must take algebra I, geometry, algebra II (or equivalent), and one other higher level course OR a four-course sequence that contains equivalent or higher content.

_____ 4 Credits of Science. Advanced science refers to courses that are inquiry based with laboratory experiences. They must align with the grades 11/12 standards (or above) or with an Advanced Placement science course or entry-level college course (clearly preparing students for a college freshman-level science class, such as anatomy, botany or astronomy).

_____ 4 Credits of Social Studies. Students may get credit for both an American history course and/or the Advanced Placement (same for government and world history).

_____ 3 Credits of one Foreign Language. Only credits from courses that are sequential and proficiency based (e.g., Spanish levels I, II, III or German I and II and French I and II) fulfill the honors diploma requirement. Sequential classical (e.g., Latin, Ancient Greek) and visual (e.g., American Sign Language) languages DO fulfill the honors diploma requirement.

_____ 1 Credit of Fine Art. Courses taken in middle school may meet the general graduation requirement of two semesters of fine arts, but a course must count for high school credit (be high school level work or above) to count for the honors diploma. Dance, drama/theatre, music and visual art courses all count as fine arts courses.

_____ 3.5 Cumulative GPA

_____ 27 ACT or 1280 SAT. Students must have scores of 27 or higher on the ACT or 1280 or higher on the 2016 SAT or their equivalents on previous or future versions of the tests. The score for SAT was updated due to the new SAT exam.