

High School Graduation Requirements

Information: *For students entering 9th grade before 2009, students need 25 credits to graduate. For students entering high school in 2009 or later, students need 24 credits to graduate.*

1 credit is earned for each yearlong class and .5 credit is earned for each semester class. Requirements are as follows:

English	4 credits	English 9, 10, 11, 12
Science	3 credits	Physical Science, Biology and Chemistry
Math	4 credits	Algebra I, Geometry and 2 more: Algebra Support, Conceptual Math, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Trig (.5 cr), Probability and Stats (.5 cr), AP Calculus AB
Soc Studies	4 credits	World History to 1900, US History to 1900, 20-21 st Century History, Civics/ Government
Health	1 credit	1 semester in 9 th and 10 th grade
Phys Ed	1 credit	1 semester in 9 th and 10 th grade
Fine Arts	1 credit	Art, Band, Chorus, Theatre, Music Appreciation, Art Appreciation
Electives	7 credits <i>(2008 or earlier)</i> 6 credits <i>(2009 or later)</i>	*****A student planning to attend a 4 year college or university will need to earn 2 credits of the same Foreign language.****

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****Responsibility for the completion of graduation requirements rests entirely with the student.***

Teachers will make recommendations for honors classes. If a student requests an honors class for which they have not been recommended, parents may sign a waiver to allow the honors class. AP English requires summer reading. You will need to pick up the summer reading list from Mrs. Shalaway if you are planning to take that course.

College Admission Standards for Graduating Classes Beginning with 2009

Required courses for students who anticipate attending a *West Virginia State* 4-year college or university are:

Foreign language – 2 credits of the same language

Math – 4 total credits, three being Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry

English – 4 total credits

Social Studies – 3 total credits including US History

Science – 3 total credits of college prep lab courses, preferably biology, chemistry and physics

Fine Arts – 1 credit

College entrance requirements vary with individual *private* schools. Students should check with specific colleges regarding their requirements.