

High School Curriculum Guide



23 credits are required for graduation, 25 required for an EMERGE honors diploma

The following distinctions can be earned at graduation with both a regular diploma and an honors diploma:

Cum Laude: 3.5-3.7 Magna Cum Laude: 3.8-3.9 Summa Cum Laude: 4.0

English	4.0 Credits	Vocational	1.0 Credit
Business Writing	.5 Cr	Bookkeeping	.5 Cr
Composition ¹	1.0 Cr	Cook Like a Chef	.5 Cr
Creative Writing	.5 Cr	Criminal Justice	.5 Cr
Journalism	.5 Cr	Entrepreneurship	1.0 Cr
Literature A	1.0 Cr	Life Skills: Career (per semester)	.5 Cr
Literature B	1.0 Cr	Life Skills: Home Maintenance	.5 Cr
Literature: Killing the Greats	1.0 Cr	Life Skills: Vehicle Maintenance	.5 Cr
Poetry	.5 Cr	Graphic Design	.5 Cr
Public Speaking ¹	.5 Cr	Investing	.5 Cr
Math	3.0 Credits	Marketing	.5 Cr
Honors Diploma	4.0 Credits	Mock Trial	.5 Cr
Algebra I ¹	1.0 Cr	Personal Finance I	.5 Cr
Algebra II ¹	1.0 Cr	Personal Finance II	.5 Cr
Geometry ¹	1.0 Cr	Sales Skills	.5 Cr
Pre-Calculus	1.0 Cr	Work Study (per semester)	.5 Cr
Science	2.0 Credits	Technology	1.0 Credits
Honors Diploma	3.0 Credits	Computer Maintenance	.5 Cr
Anatomy & Physiology	1.0 Cr	Graphic Design	.5 Cr
Biology ²	1.0 Cr	Microsoft Office	.5 Cr
Chemistry ²	1.0 Cr	Videography	.5 Cr
Engineering Technology	1.0 Cr	Web Design I	.5 Cr
Neuroscience	1.0 Cr	Web Design II	.5 Cr
Oceanography	.5 Cr	Electives ⁴	6.0 Credits
Physics ²	1.0 Cr	Honors Diploma: 2 foreign language credits plus 4 credits of other electives	
Social Studies	3.0 Credits	Bible Study (per semester)	.5 Cr
Art History	.5 Cr	Life Skills: Personal	1.0 Cr
Civics	.5 Cr	Spanish I ⁵	1.0 Cr
Forms of Government	.5 Cr	Spanish II ⁵	1.0 Cr
Humanities: Killing the Greats	1.0 Cr	Think Fast: Destination Imagination	1.0 Cr
Psychology	.5 Cr	Travel Experience	.5 Cr
US History	1.0 Cr		
World History	1.0 Cr		
You Be the Judge	.5 Cr		
Fine Arts	1.0 Credit		
Art (per semester)	.5 Cr		
Choir (per semester)	.5 Cr		
Girls Vocal Ensemble (per semester)	.5 Cr		
Guitar (per semester)	.5 Cr		
Photography (per semester)	.5 Cr		
Theater (per semester)	.5 Cr		
Yearbook	.5 Cr		
Health Enhancement ³	2.0 Credits		
Dance (per semester)	.5 Cr		
Interval Training (per semester)	.5 Cr		
Leadership Fitness (per semester)	.5 Cr		

¹ Required

² Two of these three science classes are recommended by MSU.

³ Health classes can be taken multiple years.

⁴ All non-required classes count as elective credit.

⁵ Two years of the same language is required for most colleges but not MSU.

Reminder: Graduation requirements are not the same as college admission requirements. Check the requirements for colleges in which you are interested.