



ADVANTAGES 2020-2021 College Preparatory Diploma Requirements

Social Science: 3 years

One year of world or European history, cultures and geography (may be a single yearlong course or two one-semester courses), one year of U.S. history and geography (may be a single yearlong course or two one-semester courses), one-half year of civics or American government, one-half year of Economics

English: 4 years

Four years of college-preparatory English that include frequent writing, from brainstorming to final paper, as well as reading of classic and modern literature. No more than one year of ESL-type courses can be used to meet this requirement.

Mathematics: 4 years

Three years of college-preparatory mathematics that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry. A geometry course or an integrated math course with a sufficient amount of geometry content must be completed. Approved integrated math courses may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement, as may math courses have taken in the seventh and eighth grades if the high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.
4th year of Mathematics can be student's choice (ASI Requirement)

Science: 2 Years

Two years of college-preparatory science, including or integrating topics that provide fundamental knowledge in two of these three subjects: biology, chemistry, or physics. One year of approved interdisciplinary or earth and space sciences coursework can meet one year of the requirement. Computer Science, Engineering, Applied Science courses can be used in area D as an additional science (i.e., third year and beyond).

World Language: 2 Years

Two years, or equivalent to the 2nd level of high school instruction, of the same language other than English are required. (Three years/3rd level of high school instruction recommended). Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading, composition and culture. American Sign Language and classical languages, such as Latin and Greek, are acceptable. Courses taken in the seventh and eighth grades may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement if the high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.

Visual and Performing Arts: 1 year

One yearlong course of visual and performing arts chosen from the following disciplines: dance, drama/theater, music, interdisciplinary arts or visual art – or two one-semester courses from the same discipline is also acceptable.

Elective: 2 years

2 years (4 semesters), in addition to those required the above, chosen from the following areas: visual and performing arts, history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science and language other than English.

Physical Education / Health: 2 years

2 years of physical education / Health Science

*Requirements are subject to change to align with State / National updates

