

FRESHMAN GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Core Course Requirements

Courses	Credits	Minimum Requirements
English	4	•English I, •English II, •English III, •English IV •Students must be enrolled in an English course each year of high school.
Math	4	•Tennessee students are required to be enrolled in a math course each year of high school. •Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II •At least one additional math course beyond Algebra II
Science	3	•Biology, •Chemistry or Physics •One additional lab science credit
Social Studies	3.5	•World History and Geography, •US History and Geography •Economics (.5 credit) •US Government and Civics (.5 credit) •Personal Finance (.5 credit)
Wellness/PE	1.5	•Lifetime Wellness •Physical Education (May substitute 66 hours of documented participation in a CMCSS school-sponsored, after-school physical activity for this requirement.)

Additional Requirements

Courses	Credits	Minimum Requirements
Foreign Language	2	2 years of the same language
Fine Art	1	From Art, Music, or Theater selections
Focused Electives	3	From CMCSS approved list – See Chart in section 2

Assessments	Requirement
ACT	Completed in the spring of 11 th grade
Citizenship Test	Must pass, completed in US Government & Civics or JROTC II

Freshman Must:

1. Take seven subjects
2. Take English I, Math, Science, World History & Geography, and Wellness,
3. Choose alternate courses for elective class and follow your Educational plan as needed to meet graduation requirements.

Diploma Types

In order to receive an honors or highest honors diploma students must meet ACT benchmarks. They are English 18, Math 22, Reading 22, and Science 23.

Regular – Will be awarded to students who earn the specified 22 units of credit and have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct. This includes students with an individual education plan who have earned their specified 22 units of credit.

Students meeting Regular diploma requirements may be recognized with Honors or Highest Honors by meeting the additional requirements below.

Honors - All requirements for a Regular Diploma must be fulfilled plus an 85% cumulative percent average with no semester grade lower than a 75 and score at or above **ALL** of the subject area readiness benchmarks on the ACT or equivalent score on the SAT. (Please refer to page ii for ACT benchmark scores. SAT score requirements are 1550 total on SAT with no individual subtest below 500.)

Highest Honors – All requirements for an Honors Diploma must be fulfilled plus a 90% cumulative percent average with no semester grade lower than a 75 and complete the courses below:

•4 English to include a minimum of honors levels or above in 10th, 11th, and 12th, One of the math credits must be earned in a course above the Algebra II/Geometry level. (While Bridge Math does include some standards above the level of Algebra II, it does not meet the requirement for a Highest Honors diploma.), 3 high school science courses to include Biology I and two of the following: Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy Physiology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, and AP Physics, 2 years of the same foreign language, 2 Advanced Placement classes* (one must be from core - English, math, science, social studies) *A technical licensing course that meets honors criteria may substitute for a non-core AP course.

NOTE: For the purposes of senior ranking and diploma types for Honors or Highest Honors qualified students, ACT benchmark scores must be received by the school prior to the end of Semester 1 for the ranking process and prior to the final day of regularly scheduled classes for the final diploma type. Students should plan accordingly to take the ACT well in advance so scores are received by the school in a timely manner.

Class Ranking

Class rank is based on the cumulative percent average. In the interest of encouraging and recognizing outstanding academic achievement, ranking is based on the type of diploma earned with highest honors ranked first, honors second, and regular third. Class ranking is determined only after the first semester of the student's 12th grade year

Students entering from home school for their senior year only will not be ranked.