



Graduation Requirements

The State of Tennessee requires all students to complete 22 credits of study:

Sixteen (16) credits of core courses that include English, math, science, social studies, personal finance, wellness, and physical education plus six (6) credits of additional courses that include 2 credits of a world language, 1 credit of a fine art, and 3 credits in an elective focus area.

CORE CURRICULUM	16 CREDITS
English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Personal Finance	.5 credit
Wellness/Physical Education	1.5 credits
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	6 CREDITS
World Language	2 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Elective Focus	3 credits

English: Students must earn four credits of English.

Mathematics: Students must earn four credits in math in high school that are at or beyond Algebra I. Math courses taken in middle school will serve to accelerate a student's level of math but will not substitute for the four years required in high school.

Science: Students must earn three credits in science including Biology I, Chemistry I or Physics I, and an additional lab science.

Social Science: Students must earn three social science credits. One credit will be completed from the following group: World History and Geography, AP Human Geography or AP European History. The other two required units must be U.S. History, Economics (0.5), and U.S. Government (0.5).

Personal Finance: Students must take one-half credit of Personal Finance.

Lifetime Wellness/Physical Education: Students must take one credit of Lifetime Wellness (physical education with a health component) and a half credit of physical education. The half credit requirement may be met by substituting a documented and equivalent time of physical activity in marching band, cheerleading, or interscholastic athletics. A PE Waiver form must be completed and submitted in order for the substitution requirement to be met.

World Language: Students must earn two credits of a world language in the same language. Unlike the math requirements, world language courses taken in middle school that follow high school curriculum will count towards the two-year requirement. Some colleges require three credits, please check the admissions requirements for the colleges you're interested in attending.

Fine Arts: Students must earn one credit in fine arts (music, theater, or visual arts).

Elective Focus Area: Students must earn at least three credits in an elective focus area. These credits cannot be a part of their core requirements, with the exception of AP courses. Focus areas are: Career and Technical Education paths (Engineering, Culinary Arts, Medical Science, Early Childhood Education, Marketing, Information Technology, Digital Arts Design, and TV/Film Production), Humanities & Fine Arts, Math & Science, Advanced Placement. Advanced Placement classes can count as core subject requirements and elective focus requirements concurrently.

Middle School Credits: Any high school course passed in middle school will receive the earned credit on the high school transcript but no value points for the cumulative GPA. Those credits identified as honors classes will count toward meeting the Williamson County high school honors diploma requirement. Middle school credits accelerate student learning but do not substitute for the four-year math requirement in high school. Math credits earned in middle school may count toward the elective focus area of Math & Science.

End-of-Course Tests: End-of-Course tests are given in English I, English II, English III, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, U.S. History, Biology, and Chemistry. The grade for each test is calculated as a set percentage of the overall grade in the course. The student must pass the course in order to graduate. For information regarding the Tennessee End-of-Course test program please visit the Department of Education website at <http://tn.gov/education/section/assessment>.