

Highland High School Graduation Requirements

Class of 2015

Subject Area	Standard Diploma Credit Requirement	Description of Standard Requirement	Honors Diploma Credit Requirement*
Language Arts	4.0 credits	Four credits Language Arts in grades 9-12	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits	Three credits Mathematics – Algebra A or Elementary Algebra level and higher	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits	Two credits Science from any of 4 different core areas: Earth Systems (AP Environmental Science) Biology (Biology, Honors Biology, AP Biology, Biology Agricultural Science) Chemistry (Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, AP Chemistry) Physics (Physics, Honors Physics, AP Physics, Physics with Technology) ---And--- One credit from: Any of the four core areas listed above -or- Zoology, Biotechnology, Astronomy, Medical Anatomy and Physiology (MAP).	3.0 credits
Geography for Life	.5 credit	Choose from: Geography for Life, Honors Geography for Life, or AP Geography (1.0)	.5 credit
World Civilization	.5 credit	Choose from: World Civilizations/World Civilizations II (1.0), AP World History (1.0)	.5 credit
United States History	1.0 credit	Choose from: U.S. History, AP American History	1.0 credit
United States Government & Citizenship	.5 credit	Choose from: U.S. Government & Citizenship	.5 credit
Social Studies Elective	.5 credit	Choose from: World Civilization II, 2 nd semester of AP World History, Sociology, or any other Social Studies credit as approved by counselor.	.5 credit
Fine Arts	1.5 credits	Choose from: Performing Arts classes or Visual Arts classes	2.0 credits
Career and Technical Education	1.0 credit		1.0 credit
Computer Technology	.5 credit		.5 credit
Financial Literacy	.5 credit	Choose from: Financial Literacy (.5), Adult Roles & Financial Literacy (1.0)	.5 credit
Healthy Lifestyles and Fitness	2.0 credits	.50 credit of PE Skills (1 st sem.) and .50 credit of Fitness for Life (2 nd sem.) .50 credit of Lifetime Activities .50 credit of Health	2.0 credits
Electives / Other	5.5 credits		3.0 credits
		*Additional credits for Honors Diploma: World Language (Same language, two levels in grades 9-12)	2.0 credits
Total Scholarship Credits Required	24 credits		24 credits
Students will take the ACT PLAN in 10th grade and the ACT in 11th grade!			

***Additional Honors Diploma Requirements (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)**

◆ 5 of the credits earned must be in concurrent, honors, or advanced placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses (two of these five must be AP courses). Honors courses are identified in the course description or any of the following:

Advanced Art	any Math class above Algebra 2	any identified concurrent class
Applied Art	any identified Honors level class	any level 4 foreign language
Visual Comm: Industrial Design	any identified AP/IB level class	

◆ A cumulative GPA of 3.6 must be achieved by the end of 1st semester of graduating year