

MHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For Students Beginning with the Class of 2013:

English	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
Computer Applications	1 Credit
Wellness	1 Credit
Physical Education*	½ Credit
Personal Finance	½ Credit
Foreign Language**	2 Credits
Fine Arts**	1 Credit
Program of Study	3 Credits

TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 23

English – 4 Credits Required

English I or Honors English I
English II or Honors English II
English III, Honors English III, or College English
English IV, Honors English IV, or College English

Math – 4 Credits Required (At least one math class must be taken each year. If Algebra I was taken during 8th Grade, one math class must still be taken each year during high school.)

Algebra I, Honors Algebra I, or Technical Algebra
Geometry, Honors Geometry, or Technical Geometry
Algebra II, Honors Algebra II, or Technical Algebra II
Bridge Math or upper-level honors math class

Science – 3 Credits Required

Agriscience or Honors Agriscience
Chemistry I
Biology I or Honors Biology I

Social Studies – 3 Credits Required

Economics (½ credit)
U.S. Government/ABLS (½ credit)
U.S. History
World Geography or World History

****Foreign Language – 2 Credits Required**

Students are required to take 2 credits of the same language.
This requirement may be waived for students who are not planning to attend a 4-year college or university.
If waived, the student should take 2 more classes related to his/her program of study, if possible.

****Fine Arts – 1 Credit Required**

Visual Art I, Theater Arts, Chorus, Piano I/II, Guitar, Beginning Band, or High School Band
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If waived, the student should take one more class related to his/her program of study, if possible.

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Program of Study– 3 Credits Required

Student must earn 3 credits in the Program of Study of his/her choice. The Programs of Study are as follows:

- Animal Systems – Production Animals
 - Agricultural Education Systems
 - Therapeutic Emergency Services (Health Science)
 - Family & Community Services (Human Services)
 - Business Management
 - STEM (Science, Technology, and Math)
 - Fine Arts
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- **Students who transfer from a school on block scheduling must meet the following graduation requirements:**

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1 Year Block/3 Years Traditional.....24 Credits

2 Years Block/2 Years Traditional.....25 Credits

3 Years Block/1 Year Traditional.....26 Credits

- To graduate with **Honors**, a student must score at or above all of the subject area college readiness benchmarks on the ACT. The ACT college readiness benchmarks are as follows: English—18; Math—22; Reading—21; and Science—24.
- To graduate with **Distinction**, a student must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA and complete at least one of the following:
 - earn a nationally recognized industry certification
 - participate in at least one of the Governor’s Schools
 - participate in one of the state’s All-State musical organizations
 - be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist
 - attain a composite score of 31 or higher on the ACT
 - earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed postsecondary credit
- To be a **Beta Club** member, the student must achieve at least a 3.35 GPA. The Beta Club is only open to Juniors and Seniors. The student must also have a final GPA of at least 3.35 to wear the Beta Club stole at graduation. (Gold stoles at graduation)
- To graduate with **Technical Honors**, a student must complete one of the Programs of Study in the CTE Department and earn a 2.75 overall GPA and a 3.0 CTE GPA by the end of the first semester of Senior year. (Silver cords at graduation)
- To be a **Tennessee Scholar**, the student must complete all of the requirements set forth in the Tennessee Scholar guidelines. (Medals at graduation)
- A **Diploma of Specialized Education** may be awarded to students with disabilities who have taken classes toward a high school diploma, have satisfactorily completed an individualized education plan (IEP), and have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct.