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**WEST OTTAWA
HIGH SCHOOL**

**Graduation
Requirements**



***For students
entering high
school in the fall
of 2007 and
beyond...***

West Ottawa Graduation Requirements

Requirement	Specifics	Additional Information
English – 4 credits	English 1 – 1 credit English 2 – 1 credit English 3 – 1 credit English 4 – 1 credit	Minimally, students must earn credit in the specified courses. Honors and AP courses can be substituted. No modifications allowed.
Math – 4 credits	Algebra 1 – 1 credit Geometry – 1 credit Algebra 2 – 1 credit Math Elective – 1 credit	Minimally, students must earn credit in the specified courses. Some modifications may be allowed as defined by state guidelines. One credit must be earned in the student's final year in high school.
Social Studies – 3 credits	US History – 1 credit World History – 1 credit Government or Con Law – .5 credit Economics - .5 credit	Minimally, students must earn credit in the specified courses. Honors and AP courses can be substituted. No modifications allowed.
Science – 3 credits	Biology – 1 credit Chemistry - 1 credit Physics – 1 credit	Minimally, students must earn credit in the specified courses. Honors and AP courses can be substituted. No modifications allowed.
Health and Physical Education – 1 credit	Course must include content on both health and physical education	Some modifications may be allowed as defined by state guidelines.
Visual, Performing Arts—1 credit	Visual, Performing Arts Elective - 1 credit	Some modifications may be allowed as defined by state guidelines.
Electives – 12 credits	Any combination of core and non-core electives.	Tech Center courses, School-to-Work placements, etc.
Foreign Language—2 credits	Students must complete two (2) credits in the same foreign language.	Requirement begins with the class of 2016 (Students entering high school fall of 2012)
Note: All high school credits earned by students taking advanced courses at the middle school will be applied toward these graduation requirements.		






Example schedule for a student entering high school in the fall of 2007 and beyond....

Points to Consider...

- Students must earn 16 credits in the specific courses highlighted below. (18 credits when foreign language is added beginning with the class of 2016)
- This schedule will be different for students who have earned high school credit at the middle school level .

The Michigan Merit Curriculum



	English (4 credits)	Math (4 credits)	Science (3 credits)	Social Studies (3 credits)	Health/PE & Arts (2 credits)	Electives (12 Credits)
Year 1	English 1 (1 credit) 	Algebra 1 (1 credit)	Biology (1 credit)	US History (1 credit) 	Successful Living (.5 credit)	Total of 12 credits from core or non-core courses completed throughout high school career 
Year 2	English 2 (1 credit)	Geometry (1 credit)	Chemistry (1 credit) 	World History (1 credit)	P.E. Elective (.5 Credit) Visual, Performing Arts (1 credit)	
Year 3	English 3 (1 credit)	Algebra 2 (1 credit) 	Physics (1 credit)	Government (.5 credit) Economics (.5 credit)		
Year 4	English 4 (1 credit)	Math Elective (1 credit. Must be taken in final year in high school)				

NOTE: All required core courses align with the content expectations developed by the State Department of Education.

Electives required for graduation can be earned from any combination of core and non-core electives, dual enrollment, Tech Center courses, or School-to-Work placements approved for credit.

Graduation "Checklist"



English	English 1 – 1 credit	
	English 2 – 1 credit	
	English 3 – 1 credit	
	English 4 – 1 credit	
Math	Algebra 1 – 1 credit	
	Geometry – 1 credit	
	Algebra 2 – 1 credit	
	Math Elective – 1 credit	
Social	US History – 1 credit	
	World History – 1 credit	
	Government – .5 credit	
	Economics - .5 credit	
Science	Biology – 1 credit	
	Chemistry – 1 credit	
	Physics - 1 credit	
Health/PE	Health and Physical Education – 1 credit	
Arts	Visual, Performing Arts - 1 credit	
Electives	Core/Non-core electives - 12 total credits	
Foreign Language	Same Foreign Language – 2 credits (Class of 2016)	