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| Michigan Graduation Requirements | College Preparatory Curriculum |
| * 4 years English * 4 years Math (Geometry, Algebra 1 & 2 and a Senior Math) * 3 years Science (Biology and Chemistry or Physics) * 3 years Social Studies (World History, US History, US Government and Economics) * 1 Physical Education and Health credit * 1 Visual, Performing and Applied Arts credit * Online Learning Experience * 2 years of a World Language | * 4 years English * 4 years Math (Geometry, Algebra 1 & 2, Precalculus/Calculus or Statistics) * 4 years Science * 4 years Social Studies *preferred* * 2-3 years of a World Language *recommended* (*some schools may require this*) * 1-2 Visual, Performing and Applied Arts Credits preferred * AP & Honors classes * 1 year Computer Literacy *recommended* |

* Student GPA (Grade Point Average) begins in 9th grade. Most colleges prefer at least a 3.0 GPA!
* Study hard and challenge yourself academically. Take AP and Honors classes in classes that interest you – this adds “rigor” to your schedule. Remember to take AP classes that match your strengths.
* Strong SAT or ACT score. Consider taking both the PSAT and SAT *and/or* ACT as a sophomore and learn what your strengths and weaknesses are so you can be better prepared for the March state-wide test. Colleges like to see more than one score for the students. This shows initiative and the willingness to try again to improve your score.
* Discuss the costs of college with your family. Create a financial plan for your post-secondary education.