

What Do Colleges Want?

Michigan Graduation Requirements	College Preparatory Curriculum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years English • 4 years Math (Geometry, Algebra 1 & 2, Precalculus/Calculus or Statistics) • 4 years Science • 4 years Social Studies <i>preferred</i> • 2-3 years of a World Language <i>recommended (some schools may require this)</i> • 1-2 Visual, Performing and Applied Arts Credits <i>preferred</i> • AP & Honors classes • 1 year Computer Literacy <i>recommended</i>

- 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.