

COMMONWEALTH DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2009, 2010, and 2011

COMMONWEALTH DIPLOMA--27 credits minimum

This diploma is being offered by the Kentucky Board of Education and requires successful completion of at least twenty-seven (27) approved units of credits. The Commonwealth Diploma also requires successful completion of at least four (4) courses as described in the Advanced Placement (AP) Program Course Description booklets of the College Entrance Examination Board. These are English—one (1) course; science or math (calculus)—one (1) course; foreign language—one (1) course (French or Spanish); and one (1) additional course (social studies, music or art). At the completion of the course, AP examinations in three of the four AP courses are required along with a passing score of at least three (3) on one exam for successful completion of the Commonwealth Diploma. Students must receive a grade of C or better to receive AP credit. The credits needed are shown below:

DUAL CREDIT/OCTC : Dual credit may be earned in AP U.S. History, AP Biology, AP Statistics, AP Calculus I, OCTC Calculus, and AP Physics B. In order to receive college credit, a student will take the class at OHS, must take both semester exams, earn a "C" or better each semester, and pay the college tuition to OCTC. These credits should transfer to any college in Kentucky, but each student should check with colleges they are considering to see if they accept dual credit; and if so, if the course taken counts as a core class or elective.

| COURSES | # OF CREDITS | |
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| English (one must be AP) | 4 | One AP Math or Science |
| Mathematics (advanced levels)..... | 3 | |
| Science (advanced levels) | 3 | |
| Foreign Language (must have AP fourth year)..... | 4 | |
| U.S. History (AP or CP)..... | 1 | <u>Required Content</u> <u>Electives</u> English Math Science Technology |
| World Civilization (CP or Honors) | 1 | |
| Government A and B (CP or AP) | 1 | |
| Health and Physical Education | 1 | |
| Required Content Electives..... | 2 | |
| History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts..... | 1 | |
| Computer Applications | ½ | |
| Vocational/Practical Living | ½ | |
| Economics & Geography | ½ | |
| Electives | 4 ½ | |

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR THE COMMONWEALTH DIPLOMA

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| <p><u>Freshman Year</u> Honors English I or CP English I Advanced level Math Honors Biology with Earth/Space Science Health/Physical Education Foreign Language Two ½ credit required content electives Computer Applications Economics and Geography/Government A</p> | <p><u>Sophomore Year</u> Honors English II or CP English II Advanced level Math Honors Chemistry or CP Biology Foreign Language World Civilization or AP European History Vocational/Practical Living Two ½ credit required content electives</p> |
| <p><u>Junior Year</u> Honors English III or AP English III--Language or CP English III Advanced level Math AP Biology, AP Chemistry, or CP Physics, AP Physics, or Honor Physics AP U.S. History Foreign Language History & Appreciation of Visual/Performing Arts Complete required content electives</p> | <p><u>Senior Year</u> AP English IV--Literature AP Calculus (optional if AP Science is taken) CP Government B or AP Government AP Foreign Language A 4th science is recommended (same choices as junior year)</p> |

COMPREHENSIVE DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2009, 2010, and 2011

COMPREHENSIVE DIPLOMA-27 credits minimum

This diploma requires twenty-seven (27) credits. In English, three of the four classes must be CP, Honors, or AP level during the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. The math requirement is three (3) credits in CP, Honors or AP classes. These credits must be earned while attending OHS. In science, three (3) courses are required in CP, Honors, Advanced or AP classes. The social studies requirements are U.S. History CP or AP, World Civilization CP or Honors, Government CP or AP, and Economics/Geography. **Two (2) years in the same foreign language are required.** Note: AP classes are not required for this diploma. The credits needed are shown below:

| <u>COURSES</u> | <u># OF CREDITS</u> |
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| English (CP, Honors or AP—at least 3 CP or Honors) | 4 |
| Mathematics (CP, AP or Honors levels) | 3 |
| Science (CP, AP or Honors)..... | 3 |
| Foreign Language (both must be in same language) | 2 |
| U.S. History (CP or AP)..... | 1 |
| World Civilization (CP or Honors)..... | 1 |
| Government A and B (CP or AP)..... | 1 |
| Health and Physical Education..... | 1 |
| History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts | 1 |
| Economics/Geography | 1/2 |
| Required Content Electives..... | 2 |
| Computer Applications..... | 1/2 |
| Vocational/Practical Living | 1/2 |
| Electives | 6 1/2 |

Required Content
Electives

English
Math
Science
Technology

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE DIPLOMA

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| <p><u>Freshman Year</u> Honors English I or CP English I CP or higher level Math Honors or CP Biology/Earth Space Science Health/Physical Education Two 1/2 credit required content electives Computer Applications Economics and Geography/Government A Foreign Language – Teacher Recommendation Only</p> | <p><u>Sophomore Year</u> Honors English II or CP English II CP or higher level Math Honors Chemistry (if Honors Biology was taken) CP Biology (if CP Earth Space was taken) Foreign Language World Civilization Vocational/Practical Living Two 1/2 credit required content electives</p> |
| <p><u>Junior Year</u> CP English III or Honors English III or AP English III--Language CP or higher level Math AP Physics or Honors Physics (follows Honors Chemistry) or CP Chemistry (follows CP Biology) CP U.S. History or AP U. S. History Foreign Language History & Appreciation of Visual/Performing Arts Complete required content electives</p> | <p><u>Senior Year</u> CP English IV or AP English IV--Literature CP Government B or AP Government Additional Science recommended Additional Math recommended</p> |

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2009, 2010, and 2011

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA--27 credits minimum

This diploma requires twenty-seven (27) credits. Four (4) credits in English are required. Other requirements are three (3) credits of math (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry); three (3) credits of science, three and one-half (3 1/2) credits in social studies, including one (1) credit of World Civilization, one credit of U.S. History, one (1) credit of Government, and one-half (1/2) credit of Economics/Geography. **A student who plans to attend a four-year college must take two years of the same foreign language.** The credits needed are shown below:

| <u>COURSES</u> | <u># OF CREDITS</u> |
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| English..... | 4 |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| Science | 3 |
| U.S. History..... | 1 |
| World Civilization | 1 |
| Government A and B..... | 1 |
| Health and Physical Education..... | 1 |
| History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts | 1 |
| Economics & Geography | 1/2 |
| Required Content Electives..... | 2 |
| Computer Applications..... | 1/2 |
| Vocational/Practical Living | 1/2 |
| Electives | 8 1/2 |

- Required Content

Electives

 - English
 - Math
 - Science
 - Technology

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR THE ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

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| <p><u>Freshman Year</u> English I (any level) Algebra I Earth Space Science Health/Physical Education Two 1/2 credit required content electives Computer Applications Economics and Geography/Government A</p> | <p><u>Sophomore Year</u> English II (any level) Geometry Biology I World Civilization Vocational/Practical Living Two 1/2 credit required content electives</p> |
| <p><u>Junior Year</u> English III (any level) Geometry or Algebra II Chemistry A and Physics A U.S. History History & Appreciation of Visual/Performing Arts Complete required content electives</p> | <p><u>Senior Year</u> English IV (any level) CP Government B or AP Government Additional Science recommended Additional Math recommended</p> |

