

MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL
Graduation requirements for the class of 2020 & Beyond

24 credits are required to graduate. All subjects receive .5 credits per semester. Only the semester grades are recorded on the transcript, which is the official record. The six week and twelve week grades are progress reports.

CORE CREDITS:

ENGLISH – 4 credits

- English 9 – 1 credit – 2 semesters
- English 10 – 1 credit – 2 semesters
- English 11 – 1 credit – 2 semesters
- English 12 – 1 credit – 2 semesters

FINE ARTS – 1 credit + 1 credit

1 credit is required. 2nd credit is dependent on High School & Beyond Plan (HSBP)

HEALTH AND FITNESS – 2 credits

Physical Education – 1.5 credits – 3 semesters Health – .5 credit - 1 semester

MATH – 3 credits

3 credits of Math include Algebra 1, Geometry and a 3rd credit of high school math which is based on High School & Beyond Plan (HSBP).

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) – 1 credit

1 credit is required. Career & Technical Education are found in the CTE programs. Courses are available in the following programs: agriculture, business, computer science, family & consumer science education, and work-based learning.

SCIENCE - 3 credits (2 credits must be lab sciences)

Lab Sciences include Biology, AP Biology, Food Science, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Physics, and Applied Physics.

SOCIAL STUDIES – 3 credits

- Contemporary World Problems (CWP) – 1 credit – 2 semesters
- Civics – .5 credit - 1 semester
- U.S. History – 1 credit – 2 semesters
- Senior Social Studies – .5 credit – 1 semester

WORLD LANGUAGE – 2 credits dependent on High School & Beyond Plan (HSBP) / Two consecutive years of the same World Language

ELECTIVES – 4 credits determined by High School & Beyond Plan (HSBP)

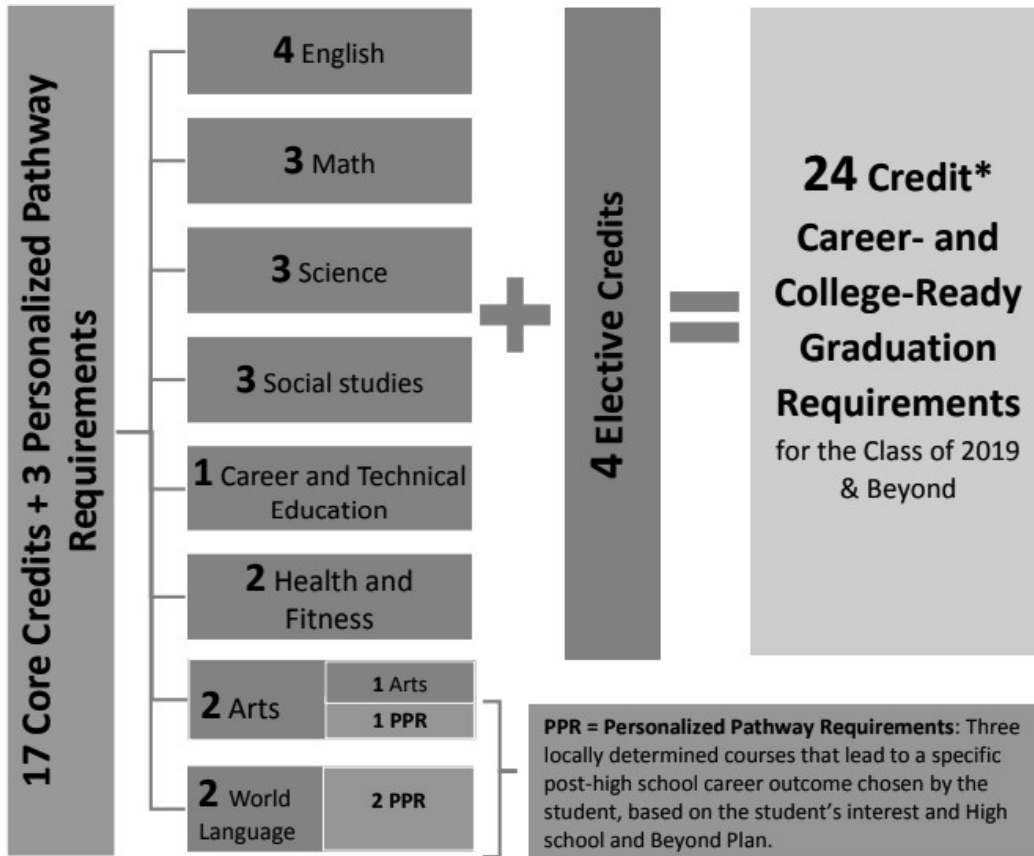
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- WA St. History – State requirement (Usually fulfilled @ Meridian Middle School)
- SENIOR PROJECT
- HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN (HSBP)
- GRADUATION PATHWAY

24-Credit Career- and College-Ready Graduation Requirements:

How Do the 24-Credit Graduation Requirements Add Up?

$$17 + 3 + 4 = 24$$



***For individual students, 2 credits may be waived:** A district must adopt a written policy to waive up to 2 credits of the 24, based on the student's 'unusual circumstances.'

GRADUATION PATHWAY

In addition to earning 24 credits, completing a senior project, and successfully passing Washington State History, students need to meet one of the following graduation pathways that is aligned to their High School and Beyond Plan.

Career/Technical Field = CTE Course Sequence

- ✓ Complete 2.0 or more credits that either include a dual credit course or lead to an industry recognized credential
- ✓ Complete a Core Plus program

Military Career Interest = ASVAB Exam (AFQT Section)

- ✓ Score for Class of 2021 = 31
- ✓ Check the State Board of Education website by September 1 annually (www.sbe.wa.gov/our-work/graduation-pathway-options/asvab)

Postsecondary Education = English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Courses & Exams

(Can use any combination of the ELA and math options listed in this section.)

- ✓ ACT (ELA = 14; math = 16) or SAT (ELA = 410; math = 430)
- ✓ Dual credit courses (1.0 credit total):
 - AP/IB/Cambridge: Earn a C+ in state-approved course (each term)
 - CTE Dual Credit (must earn high school credit)
 - College in the High School or Running Start courses (local approval)
- ✓ Dual credit exams (for state-approved courses):
 - AP = 3+
 - Cambridge = E or better
 - IB = 4+
- ✓ State assessments:
 - Smarter Balanced: ELA = 2548; math = 2595
 - WA-AIM: ELA = 104; math = 103
- ✓ Transition courses (1.0 credit total):
 - Bridge to College courses have state-level approval
 - Local articulation agreements between districts and sponsoring colleges