

What Do Colleges Want?

Michigan Graduation Requirements	College Preparatory Curriculum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years English • 4 years 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 Foreign Language for students graduating in 2016 and beyond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years English • 4 years Math (Geometry, Algebra I & 2, Precalculus/Calculus or Statistics) • 4 years Science • 4 years Social Studies preferred • 2-3 years of same Foreign 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 and a 22 ACT.
- Study hard and challenge yourself academically. Take AP and Honors classes; this adds “rigor” to your schedule. But take AP classes that match your strengths.
- Strong ACT score; consider taking the ACT as a sophomore and learning what your strengths and weaknesses are so you can be better prepared.
- Discuss the costs of college with you family. Create a financial plan for your post-secondary education.