

ADVANCED ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Students who demonstrate advanced academic achievement and motivation during their high school career are to be recognized by a special Board of Education Diploma entitled the Advanced Academic Diploma. Such students who achieve this standard shall receive a special recognition diploma at their commencement exercise, shall be awarded a gold cord of recognition, and shall have this recognition included on all official transcripts.

The following criteria have been established for this recognition:

Total Course Credits: Meet or exceed 28 total course credits including:

- English Language Arts: 4 credits - at least one AP or dual credit.
- Mathematics: 4 credits – three above Algebra I.
- Science: 4 credits – three lab sciences – at least one AP or dual credit.
- Social Studies: 4 credits – at least one AP or dual credit.
- Foreign Language: 2 credits within same language.
- Arts – 2 credits.

Course Requirements:

The student shall have completed the requirements for graduation; including completion of a minimum of 9 courses that have an “Honors” designation:

- For 2005 – 2006: 5 courses.
- For 2006 – 2007: 7 courses.
- For 2007 – 2008: 9 courses.

AP Course Work:

The student shall have enrolled and completed a minimum of four (4) AP courses based on the availability of courses. If courses can be verified as not being available or due to the requirement to enroll in another required course and/or scheduling conflicts this number may be adjusted upon the approval of the Principal. Dual credit courses, where applicable, may be substituted. In order for the student to receive the AP Enrollment requirement, the student must take the AP Exam.

- For 2005 – 2006: 1 AP Courses.
- For 2006 – 2007: 2 AP Courses.
- For 2007 – 2008: 3 AP Courses.
- For 2008 – 2009: 4 AP Courses.

ACT / SAT / GPA Requirements:

The student shall have taken either the SAT or the ACT and achieved a score that meets the Promise Scholarship requirements for the year in which they are a senior. In addition an overall weighted GPA of 3.8 or higher must be achieved.

Educational Experiences:

The student must participate or demonstrate involvement in a minimum of four (4) academic experiences that serve to either demonstrate or apply their advanced academic level. Such activities may include:

- Secondary Science Fair
- Academic Bowl Competitions
- Selection to Regional/State Honors in Band / Choir
- Destination Imagination Competition
- DreamQuest Competition
- Young Writers – State Winner
- DAR/VOD Count Finalist
- Governor’s Honors Academy
- National Honors Society Selection
- National FFA Competitions
- HOBY
- Governor’s School
- Boys or Girls State
- Youth Leadership Training (HardyTel)
- WV State FFA Officer

Other activities may be considered upon application and approval of the school principal and majority vote of the school curriculum team.

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