

## Diploma Options

Special Education students, EL students, and At-Risk students together with parents, case managers, school counselors, regular education teachers, and school administrators may choose the career/vocational diploma. The career/vocational diploma was created so that students who have specific career interests or who may be non-college bound may take courses to prepare them for work and/or further education.

| <u>Department</u>                           | <u>Standard Diploma</u>  | <u>Career/Vocational Diploma</u>   |
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| Credits required                            | <b>24</b>  | <b>24</b>  |
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| <b>English</b>                              | 4.0 credits, including English 9, English 10, English 11, & 1.0 credit English electives   | 4.0 credits, including oral & written communications, literature, & grammar  |
| <b>Physical Education</b>                   | 1.75 credits, including PE 9, PE Wellness, & 1.0 credit PE electives   | 1.5 credits  |
| <b>Social Studies</b>                       | 4.0 credits, including US History, World History & Geography, American Government, Social Problems, Economics* plus 0.5 credit* social studies elective (*OR Business & Personal Finance plus 1.0 credit social studies electives) | 3.0 credits, including state & local government  |
| <b>Math</b>                                 | 3.0 credits  | 2.0 credits, including elements of algebra, geometry, & statistics<br>*2017 graduates and beyond must have 3.0 credits of math |
| <b>Science</b>                              | 3.0 credits, including Physical Science, Biology, & 1.0 credit science elective  | 2.0 credits, including biological & physical sciences<br>*2017 graduates and beyond must have 3.0 credits of science           |
| <b>Health</b>                               | 1.0 credit, including General Health, First Aid/CPR/AED, & Wellness PE   | 0.5 credit (earned over the course of grades 7-12)   |
| <b>Career/Vocational</b>                    | N/A  | 1.0 credit   |
| <b>Electives</b>                            | 7.25 credits of non-specified electives  | 10.0 credits of non-specified electives<br>*2017 graduates and beyond must have 8.0 credits of non-specified electives         |

**Additional Considerations:**

- Approval and documentation of intention to seek the career/vocational diploma must be made prior to the end of the sophomore (10th grade) year.
- Students graduating with a career/vocational diploma cannot go directly to MOST four-year colleges after high school.
- A student graduating with a career/vocational diploma MAY go directly to a technical college, junior college, or the military, and may then choose to transfer to a four-year college.