

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 state diploma. The state diploma was created so that students who have specific career interests or 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>State Diploma</u>
Credits required	24	17.5
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English	4.0 credits, including English 9, English 10, English 11, & 1.0 credit English electives	4.0 credits, including oral & written communications, literature, & grammar
Physical Education	1.75 credits, including PE 9, PE Wellness, & 1.0 credit PE electives	1.5 credits
Social Studies	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 elective)	3.0 credits, including state & local government
Math	3.0 credits	2.0 credits, including elements of algebra, geometry, & statistics *2017 graduates and beyond must have 3.0 credits of math
Science	3.0 credits, including Physical Science, Biology, & 1.0 credit science elective	2.0 credits, including biological & physical sciences *2017 graduates and beyond must have 3.0 credits of science
Health	1.0 credit, including General Health, First Aid/CPR/AED, & Wellness PE	0.5 credit (earned over the course of grades 7-12)
Career/Vocational	N/A	N/A
Electives	7.25 credits of non-specified electives	4.5 credits of non-specified electives *2017 graduates and beyond must have 2.5 credits of non-specified electives

Additional Considerations:

- Students graduating with a state diploma cannot go directly to MOST four-year colleges after high school.
- A student graduating with a state diploma MAY go directly to a technical college, junior college, or the military, and may then choose to transfer to a four-year college.