

Biloxi Public School District Diploma Options

Begins with incoming freshmen of 2018-2019

Traditional Diploma Option

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I
Science	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I
Social Studies	3 ½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
College & Career Readiness	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must occur in the student's junior or senior year.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Additional Electives	5 ½	
Total:	24	

Requirements

- Students should identify an endorsement area prior to entering 9th grade. Endorsements can be changed at a later date with parental permission
- For early release during Senior year, students must have met College or Career Readiness Benchmarks on ACT with sub-scores listed below:
 - 17 – English
 - 19 – Math
 - Or earn Silver level on ACT Work Keys
 - Or meet all of the following:
 - Overall GPA of 2.5
 - Passed all state assessments required for graduation
 - On track to meet diploma requirements
 - Enrolled in Essentials for College Math or Essentials for College Literacy

Academic Endorsement Diploma Option

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I + two (2) additional math courses above Algebra I
Science	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I + two (2) additional science courses above Biology I
Social Studies	3 ½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
College & Career Readiness	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must occur in the student's junior or senior year.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Additional Electives	7 ½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must meet 2 advanced electives of the CPC requirements for MS IHL's
Total:	26	

Additional Requirements (above Traditional Diploma)

- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5
- Courses must meet Mississippi IHL college preparatory curriculum (CPC)
- Earn Mississippi IHL and community college readiness benchmarks with ACT sub-scores listed below (or SAT equivalent):
 - 17 – English
 - 19 – Math
- Earn two (2) additional Carnegie Units for a total of 26
- Must successfully complete one (1) of the following:
 - One (1) AP course with a C or higher and take the appropriate AP exam
 - One (1) academic dual credit course with a C or higher in the course
 - One (1) Diploma Program-IB course with a C or higher and take the appropriate IB exams

Recommended:

- Take ACT Prep course
- Take two (2) consecutive foreign language courses

Senior Year – In order to have a “Flexible Schedule” students must be enrolled in or have taken a total of 5 or more Advanced Placement or Dual Credit courses (any combination).

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Distinguished Academic Endorsement Diploma Option

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I & English II
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II one (1) additional math course above Algebra II
Science	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I & Chemistry one (1) Science elective any one (1) of the following: Physics/AP Science/DC Science
Social Studies	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
College & Career Readiness	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must occur in the student's junior or senior year.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Additional Electives	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must meet 2 advanced electives of the CPC requirements for MS IHL's
Total:	28	

Additional Requirements (above Traditional & Academic Diploma)

- Earn an overall GPA of 3.0
- Courses must meet Mississippi IHL college preparatory curriculum (CPC)
- Earn national college readiness benchmarks with ACT sub-scores listed below (or SAT equivalent):
 - 18 – English
 - 22 – Math
- Earn four (4) additional Carnegie Units for a total of 28
- Must successfully complete three (3) of the following (any combination):
 - AP course with a B or higher and take the appropriate AP exam
 - Academic dual credit course with a B or higher in the course
 - Diploma Program-IB course with a B or higher and take the appropriate IB exams

Recommended:

- Take ACT Prep course
- Take two (2) consecutive foreign language courses

Career & Technical Endorsement Diploma Option

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I
Science	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology I
Social Studies	3 ½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
College & Career Readiness	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must occur in the student's junior or senior year.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
CTE Electives	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must complete a four-course sequential program of study
Additional Electives	3 ½	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Total:	26	

Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5
- Earn Silver level on ACT WorkKeys
- Earn two (2) additional Carnegie Units for a total of 26
- Must successfully complete one (1) of the following:
 - One dual credit course
 - Work-Based Learning experience or Career Pathway Experience
 - Earn a State Board of Education approved national credential
 - One (1) AP course with a C or higher and take the appropriate AP exam

Senior Year – In order to have a “Flexible Schedule” students must be enrolled in or have taken a total of 5 or more Advanced Placement or Dual Credit courses (any combination).