

Class of 2026

Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School



Graduation Requirements



High School
Diploma



Employability
Skills



Post-Secondary
Competencies

The Class of 2026 must satisfy the Graduation Pathways requirement in order to earn a Diploma.

To meet the graduation pathway requirement students must complete at least ONE requirement from EACH of the following buckets.



1. High School Diploma

Choose a Diploma Option

1. General
2. Core 40
3. Core 40 with Academic Honors
4. Core 40 with Technical Honors

*1 credit is earned for each semester course passed with a grade of D- or better

Course and Credit Requirements

English/ Language Arts	8 credits Including a balance of literature, composition and speech.
Mathematics	6 credits (in grades 9-12) 2 credits: Algebra I 2 credits: Geometry 2 credits: Algebra II <small>Or complete Integrated Math I, II, and III for 6 credits. Students must take a math course or quantitative reasoning course each year in high school.</small>
Science	6 credits 2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry-Physics 2 credits: any Core 40 science course
Social Studies	6 credits 2 credits: U.S. History 1 credit: U.S. Government 1 credit: Economics 2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World
Directed Electives	5 credits World Languages Fine Arts Career and Technical Education
Physical Education	2 credits
Health and Wellness	1 credit
Electives*	6 credits <small>(College and Career Pathway courses recommended)</small>

40 Total State Credits Required

Schools may have additional local graduation requirements that apply to all students (not required for students with an IEP).

Specifies the number of electives required by the state. High school schedules provide time for many core electives during the high school years. All students are strongly encouraged to complete a College and Career Pathway (selecting electives in a deliberate manner) to take full advantage of career and college exploration and preparation opportunities.

SAT scores updated September, 2017

*WorkKeys assessment files updated, 2018

CORE40 with Academic Honors

(minimum 47 credits)

For the **Core 40 with Academic Honors** designation, students must:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 2 additional Core 40 math credits.
- Earn 6-8 Core 40 world language credits (6 credits in one language or 4 credits each in two languages).
- Earn 2 Core 40 fine arts credits.
- Earn a grade of a "C" or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a "B" or better.
- Complete one of the following:
 - A. Earn 4 credits in 2 or more AP courses and take corresponding AP exams
 - B. Earn 6 verifiable transcribed college credits in dual credit courses from the approved dual credit list.
 - C. Earn two of the following:
 1. A minimum of 3 verifiable transcribed college credits from the approved dual credit list,
 2. 2 credits in AP courses and corresponding AP exams,
 3. 2 credits in IB standard level courses and corresponding IB exams.
 - D. Earn a composite score of 1250 or higher on the SAT and a minimum of 560 on math and 590 on the evidence based reading and writing section.**
 - E. Earn an ACT composite score of 26 or higher and complete written section
 - F. Earn 4 credits in IB courses and take corresponding IB exams.

CORE40 with Technical Honors

(minimum 47 credits)

For the **Core 40 with Technical Honors** designation, students must:

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 6 credits in the college and career preparation courses in a state-approved College & Career Pathway and one of the following:
 1. Pathway designated industry-based certification or credential, or
 2. Pathway dual credits from the approved dual credit list resulting in 6 transcribed college credits
- Earn a grade of "C" or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a "B" or better.
- Complete one of the following,
 - A. Any one of the options (A - F) of the Core 40 with Academic Honors
 - B. Earn the following minimum scores on WorkKeys: Workplace Documents, Level 6; Applied Math, Level 6; and Graphic Literacy, Level 5.***
 - C. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Accuplacer: Writing 80, Reading 90, Math 75.
 - D. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Compass: Algebra 66, Writing 70, Reading 80.

Core 40 with Academic Honors

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 6-8 Core 40 World Language Credits.
- Earn 2 Core 40 fine arts credits.
- Earn a grade of a “C” or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a “B” or better.
- Complete one of the following:
 - Earn 4 credits in 2 or more AP courses and take corresponding AP exams
 - Earn 6 verifiable transcribed college credits in dual credit courses from the approved dual credit list.
 - Earn two of the following:
 - A minimum of 3 verifiable transcribed college credits from the approved dual credit list,
 - 2 credits in AP courses and corresponding AP exams
 - Earn a composite score of 1250 or higher on the SAT and a minimum of 560 on math and 590 on the evidence based reading and writing section.
 - Earn an ACT composite score of 26 or higher and complete written section

Core 40 with Technical Honors

- Complete all requirements for Core 40.
- Earn 6 credits in the college and career preparation courses in a state-approved College & Career Pathway and one of the following:
 - Pathway designated industry-based certification or credential, or
 - Pathway dual credits from the approved dual credit list resulting in 6 transcribed college credits
- Earn a grade of “C” or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of a “B” or better.
- Complete one of the following,
 - Any one of the options (A - F) of the Core 40 with Academic Honors
 - Earn the following minimum scores on WorkKeys: Workplace Documents, Level 6; Applied Math, Level 6; and Graphic Literacy, Level 5
 - Earn the following minimum score(s) on Accuplacer: Writing 80, Reading 90, Math 75.
 - Earn the following minimum score(s) on Compass: Algebra 66 , Writing 70, Reading 80.

Core 40 with Academic & Technical Honors

Core 40 with Academic Honors

Rigorous academic preparation

More math, arts, and world language

Preparation for 4-year college success

Rigor plus college preparation

Core 40 with Technical Honors

Rigorous courses

More high tech, high skills training

Prepares students for two year or four college, technical school, or apprenticeship

Rigor plus real-world training & preparation

2. Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills



Complete one or more of the following:

- Project-Based Learning (PBL)
- Service-Based Learning (SBL)
- Work-Based Learning (WBL)

*See pathway checklist for examples

Examples



Employability Skill Options		Course or Activity	Work Product	Method Of Collection
1	PBL	Successful Completion of a full research paper in English course	Research Paper	Class Instructor
2	SBI	Sports Participation	Rubric & Recommendation	Coach or Athletic Director
3	SBL	Student Council Participation	Reflection of Experience	Sponsor
4	SBL	4-H	Rubric & Recommendation	Student from 4-H leader
5	SBL	FIST	Reflection of Experience	Sponsor
6	WBL	Student Employment	Work Letter from Employer	Student from Employer
7	WBL	ICE Class	Rubric & Recommendation	ICE Instructor
8	WBL	Career Exploration	Rubric & Recommendation	Instructor
9	WBL	Cadet Teaching Experience	Rubric & Recommendation	Instructor
10	WBL	IMPACT Institute Program	Rubric & Recommendation	Transcript



3. Post-Secondary Readiness Competencies

Complete one or more of the following:

- Academic or Technical Honors Diploma
- SAT
 - reading/writing = 480, math = 530
- ACT
 - english = 18, reading = 22, math = 22, science = 23
- ASVAB = 31
- State/Industry Recognized Certification
- CTE Concentrator, Next Level Programs of Study (NLPS)
 - C AVG or Higher in at least 2 advanced high school courses in a state-approved CTE Pathway
- AP/Dual Credit
 - C average or higher in 3 courses (1 of the 3 courses must be in a core content area or all 3 must be part of a CTE pathway)

Next Level Programs of Study

- Next Level Programs of Study will provide students the opportunity to potentially complete up to one year's worth of a postsecondary program through a four (4) course sequence.
- The first three courses of each program of study will consist of a principles course and two advanced courses required to earn CTE Concentrator status.
- Hamilton will continue to offer NLPS next school year
 - Agri-Science
 - Business Administration
 - Finance Accounting
 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Engineering
 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Biotechnology
- NLPS will be offered in all IMPACT programs except for Marine Technology which will be a local created pathway

IMPACT PROGRAMS

IMPACT INSTITUTE PROGRAMS	
Automotive Body Collision	Electrical, Plumbing & HVAC
Automotive Service Technology	Interactive Media
	Marine Service Technology
Cosmetology	Precision Machining
Construction Trades	Primary Health Care
Culinary Arts	Welding
Criminal Justice	

- Students can attend IMPACT 11th and 12th grade year, they will apply in the spring of 10th or 11th grade
- IMPACT Apps were Due in March, we should hear decisions soon
- Visit <https://www.impactinstitute.net/>

4 Year Graduation Plan

- Start with the end in mind
 - what are your post-secondary goals (educational and career)?
 - indicate a diploma type
 - plan for special programs
 - check curriculum guide
- Students, parents, & counselors can revisit and revise the four-year plan periodically throughout high school

Next Year Course Changes

- See Dual Credit courses offered through Trine
https://www.trine.edu/admission-aid/dual-enrollment/courses_pathways_degrees.aspx
- Environmental Science
- Marketing Fundamentals (Must have Principles of Business)
- 7270 Forestry and Wildlife Management (Must have Principles of Agriculture)

High School Assessment

- Students will no longer take the ISTEP assessment, beginning spring of 2022 all 11th graders must participate in the SAT.
- Students will test at school, more details to come.
- PSAT will be offered in October for 10th & 11th grade students who would like to test.

SAT & ACT practice websites

- <https://www.prepfactory.com/> try this free practice!
- [Personalized SAT Practice on Khan Academy | SAT Suite of Assessments](#)
– [The College Board](#)

Required Courses

Semester 1	Semester 2
English 11	English 11
Algebra II or Pre-Calculus	Algebra II or Trigonometry
Core 40 Science	Core 40 Science
US History (if not yet taken)	US History (if not yet taken)

Review Graduation Pathway - additional courses may be required

Some colleges also require a foreign language, an example is Purdue University requires 2 years, 4 semesters .

Failed Courses?

Non-required courses?

Can take it over again for credit, but do not need to

Required courses?

Need to take it over again

Fill out in course selection to retake next school year

Retake over summer

Next Steps

- Students need to turn in completed Course Selection Forms to the High School Office by Tuesday, April 16th.
- Students need to bring computers to complete the electronic scheduling form next week.
- If you have any questions or would like to meet with Mrs. Brown to discuss your schedule, please contact her.

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