

Minnesota Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Minnesota during the 2007 calendar year are:

- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - One year of a foreign language.

- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.

- ***Minnesota Coursework Requirements.*** This program requires:
 - Four years of language arts;
 - Three years of math, including one year each of geometry and two years of algebra, one of which is intermediate or advanced algebra;
 - Three years of science including one year each of a biological and physical science;
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - Two years of a single foreign language.

- ***Minnesota Dual Credit Program.*** With a passing grade of “B” or better: High School students taking BOTH a math course (Algebra 2 level or higher) AND a science course (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics) under the Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program worth a total of a least 6 college credits shall meet the rigorous course of study requirement for the Academic Competitiveness Grant.