

Michigan Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Michigan during the 2005 or 2006 calendar years are:

- ***Michigan Scholars.*** This program, part of the national State Scholars Initiative and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
 - Four credits in English (English I-IV);
 - Three credits in math (Algebra I, Algebra II and geometry);
 - Three credits in science (biological science, physical science and chemistry);
 - Three credits in social studies (world history, economics, American history, U.S. Government);
 - Two credits in a language other English;
 - Plus district graduation requirements

- ***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.

- ***Michigan Merit Standard.*** This program requires:
 - Four years of English;
 - Four years of math (including Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry and one credit in the Senior Year);
 - Three years of science (including biology, chemistry or physics, and one additional science credit);
 - Three years of social studies;
 - One year of physical education;
 - One year of visual, performing, applied arts; and
 - One on-line learning experience class.
 - Links to credit expectations and guidance:
 - www.michigan.gov/highschool