

## **Rhode Island Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study**

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

- ***Rhode Island 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 years or course equivalent in English (English I – IV)
  - Four years or course equivalent in math (Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry and a fourth year of higher math);
  - Three years or course equivalent in science (biology, chemistry, physics)
  - Three and one-half years or course equivalent in social studies (world history studies, world geography studies, U.S. history, U.S. government, economics)
  - Three years or course equivalent in a language other than English
  - Other requirements of school district
  
- ***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.