

**Minnesota**  
**Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study**

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Minnesota during the 2005 or 2006 calendar years 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.