District of Columbia Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in the District of Columbia 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:
 - o Four years of English;
 - o 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);
 - o Three years of social studies; and
 - o 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.