

Iowa
Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Iowa 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.

- ***Iowa Coursework Requirements.*** This program requires:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (3 years includes, but is not limited to, the following selection or comparable courses: Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, integrated math I, integrated math II, integrated math III, trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus, statistics);
 - Three years of science (3 years includes, but is not limited to, the following selection or comparable courses: biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy/physiology, earth/space science, astronomy, general science, environmental studies, integrated sciences);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - One year of foreign language OR three courses in a career and technical sequence.