

Tennessee Diploma Project in Hawkins County Schools:



Graduation Requirements

Beginning this school year, 2009-2010, the Tennessee Department of Education will implement the **Tennessee Diploma Project (TDP)**, a broad overhaul of standards and curriculum designed to challenge students and better prepare them for college and the workforce.

The Tennessee Department of Education has determined that too many students were graduating from high school without the necessary skills and knowledge required to succeed after high school. The **Tennessee Diploma Project** is making changes so students are taught the skills employers and educators say are necessary to perform well in a job or at the college level.

The Tennessee Department of Education has made changes to the graduation requirements by increasing the number of credits required from 20 to 22. The additional credits are gained through an additional math class, personal finance, and physical education/wellness. Beginning with the graduating class of 2013, this year's freshman class, Hawkins County Schools will require 26 credits for graduation. The increase above the state requirement is due to the block scheduling. Students will have their choice of electives to fulfill the additional 4 credits.

More information about graduation requirements can be obtained from Gloria Silvers, Supervisor of Secondary Education, 272-7629 ext. 120.

| Tennessee Graduation Requirements | |
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| Current Basic High School Requirements | State Requirements for Students Beginning High School in Fall 2009 |
| TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 20 | TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 22 |
| MATH: 3 Credits Including either Geometry or Algebra II | MATH: 4 Credits Including Algebra I, II, Geometry and a fourth higher level math course |
| SCIENCE: 3 Credits Including one physical science course and Biology | SCIENCE: 3 Credits Including Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and a third lab course |
| ENGLISH: 4 Credits | ENGLISH: 4 Credits |
| SOCIAL STUDIES: 3 Credits | SOCIAL STUDIES: 3 Credits |
| WELLNESS: 1 Credit | PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND WELLNESS: 1.5 Credits |
| | PERSONAL FINANCE: 0.5 Credits |
| ELECTIVE: 6 Credits | FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 2 Credits FINE ARTS: 1 Credit May be waived for students not going to a University to expand and enhance the elective focus |
| | ELECTIVE FOCUS: 3 Credits Math and Science, Career and Technical Education, Fine Arts, Humanities, Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) |
| | ELECTIVES (student choice): 4 Credits Due to block scheduling, Hawkins County Schools requires additional elective credits for graduation |