



**Mississippi Scholars Curriculum
for Seniors of School Year 2015 and Later**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

4 credits must consist of:

- English I (1)
- English II (1)
- English III (1)
- English IV (1)

MATHEMATICS

4 credits must consist of:

- Algebra I (1)
- Geometry (1)
- Algebra II (2)
- And one Carnegie Unit of comparable rigor and content may come from Mathematics courses approved for Mississippi Scholars Credit (www.mississippischolars.ms)

SCIENCE

4 credits must consist of:

- Biology I (1)
- Chemistry (1)
- Any two Carnegie Units of comparable rigor and content (Physics (1) preferred). Additionally, one Carnegie Unit may come from a Career Technical Education course.

SOCIAL STUDIES

4 credits must consist of:

- World Geography (1/2)
- Mississippi Studies (1/2)
- World History Studies (1)
- U.S. History (1)
- U.S. Government (1/2)
- Economics (1/2)

ARTS

1 credit of:

- One Carnegie Unit of visual and performing arts meeting the requirements for high school graduation or
- 2 units for the completion of the 2 course sequence Computer Graphics Technology I & II

ADVANCED ELECTIVES

2 credits must consist of:

- Two Foreign Languages or a 5th Math or 5th Science of higher rigor

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 40 Hours of Community or Volunteer Service during 4 years of high school
- 18 ACT Composite Score (Overall Score)
- 2.5 cumulative high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- 3 letters of recommendation (one from each of the following –principal, guidance counselor and business/community leader for students with more than 4 in-school suspensions)
- 95% School Attendance during 4 years of high school
- No out-of-school suspension
- Mississippi Scholars must also complete any remaining State-mandated high school graduation requirements.
- Advanced Placement courses may be substituted in Mississippi Scholars subject areas.
- Dual credit and online courses are acceptable.