

West Ottawa Graduation Requirements

Requirement	Specifics	Additional Information
English – 4 credits	English 1 – 1 credit English 2 – 1 credit English 3 – 1 credit English 4 – 1 credit	Minimally, students must earn credit in the specified courses. Honors , AP or IB courses can be substituted. No credit modifications allowed.
Math – 4 credits	Algebra 1 – 1 credit Geometry – 1 credit Algebra 2 – 1 credit Math Elective – 1 credit	Minimally, students must earn credit in the specified courses. Some modifications may be allowed as defined by state guidelines. AP or IB courses may be substituted. One credit must be earned in the student's final year in high school.
Social Studies – 3 credits	US History – 1 credit World History – 1 credit Government or Con Law – .5 credit Economics - .5 credit	Minimally, students must earn credit in the specified courses. Honors , AP and IB courses can be substituted. No credit modifications allowed.
Science – 3 credits	Biology – 1 credit Chemistry - 1 credit Physics – 1 credit	Minimally, students must earn credit in the specified courses. Honors , AP or IB courses can be substituted. No credit modifications allowed.
Health and Physical Education – 1 credit	Course must include content on both health and physical education	Some modifications may be allowed as defined by state guidelines.
Visual, Performing Arts—1 credit	Visual, Performing Arts Elective - 1 credit	Some modifications may be allowed as defined by state guidelines.
Electives – 8 credits	Any combination of core and non-core electives.	Tech Center courses, School-to-Work placements, etc.
Foreign Language—2 credits	Students must complete two (2) credits in the same foreign language.	Requirement begins with the class of 2016 (Students entering high school fall of 2012)
Note: All high school credits earned by students taking advanced courses at the middle school will be applied toward these graduation requirements.		

WEST OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL Course Sequence Guide SOCIAL STUDIES



**Course selections
available in Social
Studies for middle
and high school
students**



The Michigan Merit Curriculum requires students to earn high school credit in U.S. History, World History, Economics, and Government. Honors, AP, and IB classes may be substituted. Credits earned in middle school apply toward this requirement.

SOCIAL STUDIES Course Sequence Guide

Sequence	GRADE						
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Regular Sequence	Social Studies 6	Social Studies 7	Social Studies 8	U.S. History	World History	Economics & Government	General Elective or Core Electives
Regular sequence with honors and AP	Social Studies 6	Social Studies 7	Social Studies 8	Regular or Honors U.S. History	Regular or Honors World History	AP Economics	AP Government
Accelerated sequence with emphasis on AP courses	Advanced Social Studies	Advanced Social Studies 7th/8th	U.S. History	Regular or Honors World History	AP Economics	AP Government	AP US History or AP European History
Acceleration with emphasis on IB courses	Advanced Social Studies	Advanced Social Studies 7th/8th	U.S. History	Regular or Honors World History	Economics & Government	IB Social Studies	IB Social Studies

Blue Boxes represent middle school level courses that do not earn high school credit.

Green Boxes represent high school level courses that earn high school credit.

“AP” refers to college level advanced placement courses.

“IB” refers to college preparatory International Baccalaureate courses.