

DIPLOMA POLICY INFORMATION

The function of comprehensive high school is to provide all pupils with experiences that challenge and encourage them to work to the limit of their capacities toward their cultural development and career goals with satisfaction and success. All students are encouraged to earn as many high school credits as possible during each school year.

To receive a diploma from any Royal Oak High School a student shall generally be required to experience no less than four years between entering the 9th grade and leaving the 12th. Students who enter high school after the age of 16 years may have their programs accelerated if they are immigrants or for other reasons, when recommended by the high school principal and approved by the Superintendent of Schools. Diploma requirements appear on the following pages.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

To earn a diploma a student must have at least 22 credits. These credits must be obtained through courses taken in the SIX AREAS OF STUDY listed on the following pages. Note that each area of study has its own separate requirements and options.

Students should read the requirements carefully to see how their chosen courses will fulfill the requirements stated within each area of study. On this chart $\frac{1}{2}$ credit = 1 semester, 1 credit = 2 semesters which is a full year.

Note that a number of courses will meet requirements in more than one area of study; this is meant to provide flexibility in planning a course of study. However, a given course can only be counted once to fulfill one area requirement.

A Royal Oak graduate:

- Communicates effectively
- Uses creativity and critical thinking to identify and solve problems
- Effectively accesses information and applies knowledge
- Works and learns cooperative, independently, and with integrity
- Applies positive interpersonal and social skills
- Sets goals and makes informed decisions for healthful, responsible living
- Demonstrated multi-cultural and aesthetic awareness

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ENGLISH – 4 credits required + 1 related elective in Communications.

Requisites: 1 ½ credits literature/reading, 1 ½ credits writing, ½ credit speech, ½ elective credit from English department.

All courses in the English Department may complete requirement.

Related Communications Option:

English courses, business courses, CAD drafting courses, and Foreign language, PAC*, music/art, selected Oakland Schools Technical Campus
Southeast options.

SOCIAL STUDIES – 3 credits required + 1 related elective in Cultural Studies

Requisites: 1 credit U.S. History, ½ credit Government, ½ credit Economics, 1 credit Global Studies

Related Cultural Studies options:

Social Studies courses; foreign language; fine arts, including Art, music, theatre, business law, marketing management, selected Technology courses, PAC*.

MATHEMATICS/SCIENCE – 5 credits required

Requisites: 2 credits core mathematics (all courses in math department), 1 credit physical science, 1 credit biological science

All courses in mathematics or science department may complete requirement. Additional courses that may complete requirement:

Business Mathematics Computer Applications in Business
Accounting Selected Manufacturing Engineering Courses
Medical Courses Selected Oakland Schools Technical Campus
Southeast options

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – 1 credit required

Requisite: P.E. 1 and 2

FINE ARTS/SCHOOL TO CAREER/FOREIGN LANGUAGE – 2 credits required

All credits in the following departments apply: Foreign Language, Music, Art, Medical courses, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southeast, Family and Consumer Sciences, Industrial Technology, Business Technology, Co-op Training.

ELECTIVES – 5 credits

These courses should be carefully selected by students and their parents with students' post high school plan in mind.

- **PAC: Personal Adjustment Class**