



Graduation Requirements and Scheduling Info 2019-2020



How many credits do I need to graduate?

23!

This is CMHS's requirement; it is different from the state minimum of 20. To graduate from CMHS, you must have at least 23 credits.



What courses do I have to have to graduate?

- 4 English credits
- 4 math credits (at least one has to be Algebra II or the equivalent)
- 3 science credits (including a life science [Biology], a physical science [Physical Science or Chemistry], and an “advanced” science [Anatomy I/II, Zoology, Chemistry, most CCP science courses])
- 3 social studies (including World History, U.S. History, and Government)
- ½ credit of health
- ½ credit of physical education (or the waiver with an additional ½ elective credit)
- 1 fine art credit (music classes or art classes)
- personal finance coursework (built into World History for Classes of 2021 and 2022 only; others will sign up for the stand-alone course)
- 6.5 elective credits (pretty much anything else you take not listed above OR more courses than you needed above [example: if you take 5 English or math courses, one will be elective credit])



PE Waiver Information

- The Ohio Department of Education allows for a PE waiver for a student who has “participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons.”
 - You cannot complete the waiver for Falconaires, Falconettes, Winter Guard, Winter Percussion, or lacrosse.
- At CMHS, you can complete the waiver with one season of two different sports or two different seasons of the same sport.
 - For example, you could complete it with a full season of marching band and softball OR you could complete it with 9th-grade volleyball and 10th-grade volleyball
- If you complete the waiver, you will receive no credit. As such, you will have to complete an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ credit elective (to make up for the $\frac{1}{2}$ PE credit that would have received).

- If you are planning to complete the waiver, you must complete the following steps:
 - Indicate on your course request form that you are doing the waiver
 - Fill out the PE waiver form during your seasons (it’s available online and in the counseling office)
 - Give your signed and completed forms to Mrs. Running
- From there:
 - Mrs. Running will verify that you completed the full season
 - Mrs. Running will keep your forms until you have completed two seasons
 - Mrs. Running will notify Mrs. Potts and/or Ms. Beres that you have completed the waiver
 - Mrs. Potts or Ms. Beres will create a “PE waiver” course on your transcript



Honors Diploma

If you want to graduate with honors, you need $\frac{7}{8}$ of the following requirements:

- 4 credits in English
- 4 credits in math (two must be Algebra II and beyond)
- 4 credits in science (two must be an “advanced” science)
- 4 credits in social studies
- 3 credits in foreign language (or 2 credits each of two different foreign languages, for 4 credits total)
- 1 fine arts credit
- Unweighted GPA of at least 3.500
- A composite ACT score of at least 27



What else do I Have to do to Graduate?

You must demonstrate that you are “graduation ready” on one of the three pathways:

- Earn at least 18 points on Ohio’s End-of-Course (EOC) exams
- Earn your industry credential and workforce readiness (**career center students only**)
- Earn “remediation free” scores in math and English on the ACT or SAT

End-of-Course Exams (EOC Exams)

Earn at least 18 points on the EOC tests:

Algebra I (or Int. Math I)*	Geometry (or Int. Math II)*	Biology*^
English I*	English II*	U.S. History^
Government^		

*the state requires that you sit for this test

^if you take this course under College Credit Plus, you can substitute your course grade for your EOC score

- You must have a minimum of four points in math, a minimum of four points in English, and a minimum of six points in science and social studies. You must have an extra four points in any other test (total 18).



EOC Points

<u>Points</u>	<u>Performance Level</u>
1	Limited
2	Basic
3	Proficient
4	Accelerated
5	Advanced

- Aim for a “3” on every test.
- It’s okay to have some lower scores; higher scores on other tests can help balance out lower scores.
- If you score a 1-2 on any test, most likely you will be asked to retake the test so that you have a chance to raise your score.
- You can retake the tests as many times as you want to do so.



Industry Credential and Workforce Readiness--Career Center Students

- You can earn 12 points IF you receive a credential in a single career field from a State Board of Education-approved program (such as one of the career centers) AND
- You earn the industry-required score on WorkKeys, a work-readiness test
- The State of Ohio will pay for you to take the WorkKeys test one time



College/Career Readiness Tests--ACT and SAT

You can also show “graduation readiness” through the following scores:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>SAT</u>
ELA	English--18 or higher Reading--22 or higher	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) of 480 or higher
Math	22 or higher	530 or higher

- These are subject to change every year (change has to be made by February 1 of your junior year)
- Ohio pays for all juniors to take the ACT in the spring



Scheduling for 2019-2020

- First, look at the course book (shared on your email) and talk to teachers about your options
- Second, decide which courses you need to take
- Third, decide which courses you want to take

How to Use the Course Book: Required Classes

Class title

Who can take it?

How long is the class?

Number of credits

Cost?

024 United States History

Prerequisite: None

Grade: 10

Length: Year

Credit: 1

Fee: None

This course focuses on the United States in the 20th century, from both the American and world-view perspectives. An important goal is to help students understand how modern history - people, events, ideas, and issues - have influenced their lives, as well as our nation's development in an interdependent world. This will be accomplished through an integrated study of historical, global/cultural, geographic, economic, political and governmental perspectives. By approaching issues and content in this way, students will make connections among local, national, and global events and issues, and recognize the value of participatory citizenship in creating a strong and viable nation. Students will develop their critical thinking, research, writing, and reporting skills through projects and through an in-depth examination of themes and topics. Students will complete the U.S. History End-of-Course Assessment at the conclusion of this course.

What do you have to take before you can take this class?

What will I learn in this class?

In grades 9-10, expect to sign up for several required courses; as you move through high school, you get more choices about what to take.

How to Use the Course Book: Elective Classes

Class title

Who can take it?

How long is the class?

Number of credits

Cost?

What do you have to take before you can take this class?

115 Ceramics and Sculpture I

Prerequisite: [111](#)

Grade: 10,11,12

Length: Year

Credit: 1

Fee: \$65

This course primarily focuses on the use of clay to create ceramics with time also spent learning about and experiencing other 3-D media like Model Magic, Papier Mache, and Wire. This is a studio-based class but due to the nature of the media, textbook work and quizzes are a part of this class. The Supply Materials Fee covers all art media/supplies necessary for this class.

What will I learn in this class?

- For electives, it's important that you actually read the course description to see if you are interested; if you're not, choose another class!
- Teachers/counselors can help you to choose--ask if you need help.



What Else is in the Course Book?

Let's just take a look:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PtXQjDpPWdaz4wFRmcB_-jel--g3dtFfn_W6kH21IOk/edit?ts=5c736dcf#



What if I am taking CCP Courses?

- If you are taking an online class, you can elect to take a study hall, during which you can work on your class(es).

- If you are taking CCP classes at CMHS, you will select those courses on your course request form.

So Now What?

- Fill out your “2019-2020 Course Requests” and get teachers’ signatures and your parent/guardian signature.
- Forms will be due to the counseling office no later than March 15. After this time, your counselor will choose classes for you based on your graduation needs.
- Make sure that you select enough electives; if you don’t, we have to choose for you.
- Make sure that you rank your electives by which you most want; this way we know what you really want to take.



When Will I Have a Schedule?

- After all scheduling forms are submitted, we will see how many students want to take each class; from there, we can build a schedule.
- Once we have a successful schedule, we will begin assigning students to classes. Most likely, you will what your schedule will be in early May.
- We do not want a chaotic return to school; our goal is to have you placed in the classes you need/want before we leave school this spring. By choosing your courses carefully and thoughtfully, you can assist us in this process.