

# COURSE AND CREDIT INFORMATION

## Diploma Requirements for Students Graduating on or before July 31, 2011

Students must earn 21 credits (13 required and 8 elective) and meet or exceed the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) requirements in order to graduate from a Mesa high school.

Transfer students must be enrolled in classes that place them on track for graduation and be enrolled through the semester of graduation. These students must have earned at least five (5) credits in a MPS secondary school in order to be eligible for a MPS diploma unless they transfer in the final semester of their high school experience. Students who transfer during the final semester of their senior year must earn three (3) credits in order to be eligible for a Mesa diploma. Students must check with the school counselor or registrar for specific details.

Students may participate only in commencement ceremonies held at the high school in which they were enrolled when graduation requirements were satisfied.

The chart below shows the curriculum requirements/recommendations (credit hours) for graduation.

Curriculum	Mesa Schools Standard Diploma	AZ Academic Scholar	Mesa Schools Scholastic Diploma	AZ University Entrance
<b>ENGLISH</b> <i>(see sequence for English courses)</i>	4	4	4	4
<b>MATH</b> <i>(see sequence for Math courses)</i>	2 <i>(Algebra I +1)</i>	3 <i>(Algebra I &amp; II, Geometry)</i>	4 <i>(Algebra I + II, Geometry + an advanced math)</i>	4 <i>(Algebra I + II, Geometry + an advanced math)</i>
* <b>SCIENCE</b> <i>(see sequence for Science courses)</i>	2 <i>(Biology and physical science)</i>	3 <i>Lab Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, and a physical science)</i>	3 <i>(Biology and physical science +1 science)</i>	3 <i>Lab Sciences</i>
** <b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b> <i>(see sequence for Social Studies courses)</i>	3	3	3	2
<b>WORLD LANGUAGE</b>	0	2 <i>(same language)</i>	2 <i>(same language)</i>	2 <i>(same language)</i>
<b>ARTS</b>	1 <i>(fine and/or practical arts)</i>	1 <i>(fine and/or practical arts)</i>	1 <i>(fine and/or practical arts)</i>	1 <i>(fine art only)</i>
*** <b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	1	1	1	0
<b>ELECTIVE COURSES</b>	8	4	3	4
<b>TOTAL REQUIRED COURSES</b>	21	21	21	20
<b>GRADE POINT AVERAGE</b>	No minimum GPA	C or better <i>(2.0+) in required courses</i>	3.0+ GPA <i>(***** must include a minimum of 2 weighted credits)</i>	3.0+ GPA
**** <b>AIMS</b> <i>(Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards)</i>	Reading Math Writing <i>(meets or exceed)</i>	Reading Math Writing <i>(meets or exceed)</i>	Reading Math Writing <i>(meets or exceed)</i>	

\* Students are required to successfully complete a course in SC 49 Biology or AG 30 Applied Biological Systems in the 9th or 10th grade AND take the AIMS Science assessment at the completion of this course.

\*\* Students must complete American/Arizona History before taking American/Arizona Government or Principles and Practices of Economics. AG 77, BE 77, FS 77 and IT 77 may substitute for SS 57 Principles and Practices of Economics and will count toward the Scholastic Diploma.

\*\*\* AS 35 can substitute for P.E. courses. Two semesters of MU 81 (totaling 2/3 credit) may substitute for 1/2 credit of the P.E. requirement. 1/2 credit of PE must be earned at the senior high school (10-12 grade).

\*\*\*\* Specific requirements are set by the State Board of Education

\*\*\*\*\* Beginning with the Class of 2011