

MISSISSIPPI SCHOLARS CURRICULUM for Seniors of School Year 2016 and Later

English Language Arts

4 credits must consist of:

- English I (1)
- English II (1)
- Two additional English credits above English II and approved for admission to IHL

Mathematics

4 credits must consist of:

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

Science

4 credits must consist of:

- Biology I (1)
- Chemistry (1)
- Any 2 Carnegie Units of comparable rigor and content above Biology I and Chemistry (Physics [1] preferred). Additionally, 1 Carnegie Unit may come from a Career Technical Education course.

Social Studies

4 credits must consist of:

- World Geography (½)
- Mississippi Studies (½)
- World History Studies (1)
- U.S. History (1)
- U.S. Government (½)
- Economics (½)

Arts

1 credit of:

- One Carnegie Unit of visual and performing arts meeting the requirements for high school graduation or
- Two units for 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 or
- Any 2 dual credit courses

Additional Requirements

- **40 hours of community or volunteer service during high school for seniors graduating 2018-2021 (80 hours for seniors graduating 2022 and later)**

- **Minimum of 18 ACT Composite Score (Overall Score) for senior graduating 2018-2021 (19 for seniors graduating 2022 and later)**

- 2.5 cumulative high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Three 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



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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.

MISSISSIPPI SCHOLARS TECH MASTER CURRICULUM

English (4 credits)

Mathematics (3 credits)

- Algebra I
- Math above Algebra I (Course has to be related to program of study)

Geometry (mandatory)

Science (3 credits)

- Biology I
- Two courses above Biology I

Social Studies (3 credits)

- American History
- Government
- Mississippi Studies

Computer (1 credit)

Health or PE (½ credit)

Electives (2½ credits)

- Must take 4 CTE credits in the same area of your program of study. ★
- Must have 21 minimum credits — students can go the 21 or 24 credit route allowing time for internship.
- Non-negotiable

Additional Requirements

- **40 hours of community or volunteer service during high school for seniors graduating 2018-2021 (80 hours for seniors graduating 2022 and later)**
- **Minimum of 18 ACT Composite Score (Overall Score) for senior graduating 2018-2021 (19 for seniors graduating 2022 and later)** or minimum 36 ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test) or Silver Level WorkKeys.
- 2.5 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- 95% school attendance during high school years

- No out-of-school suspension
- Must attain a passing score, as established by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), on the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System (CPAS2) or a passing score on an MDE-approved industry certification assessment.



Mississippi Scholars Tech Master must also complete any remaining state-mandated high school graduation requirements.

Dual credit courses are acceptable.

★ **Flexibility to tailor courses to area of interest.**