

Oak Park High School Graduation Requirements

Grade Classification	
9 th	Freshman 0.0 – 5.0 (credit minimum)
10 th	Sophomore 5.0 – 10.0 (credit minimum)
11 th	Junior 10.0 – 15.0 (credit minimum)
12 th	Senior 15.0 – 22.0 + (credits)
*	Classification is based on CREDITS earned, not age / years attending high school.

Graduation Requirements (<u>A</u> denotes semester 1 class, <u>B</u> denotes semester 2 class)		
Subject	Total Credits	Required Courses
English	4.0	1.0 - 9 th Grade – ELA (A & B) 1.0 – 10 th Grade – ELA (A&B) 1.0 - 11 th Grade – ELA (A & B) 1.0 - 12 th Grade – ELA (A & B) *AP English Literature & Composition (A & B) or AP English Language & Composition (A & B) may substitute the upper-level regular coursework *1.0 – Life Skills English (A & B) <i>*if applicable</i>
Mathematics	4.0	1.0 – Algebra I (A & B) 1.0 – Geometry (A & B) 1.0 – Algebra II (A & B) 1.0 – Pre-Calculus (A & B), Advanced Math (A & B), Probability & Statistics (A & B), Calculus (A & B) or math related course, which must be taken in the <u>final</u> year of high school *1.0 – Life Skills Math (A & B) <i>*if applicable</i>
Science	3.0	1.0 - Biology (A & B) or AP Biology (A & B) 1.0 - Chemistry (A & B) or Physics (A & B) 1.0 - must complete <u>ONE additional science credit</u> *AP courses may substitute the regular coursework
Social Studies	3.0	1.0 – U.S. History & Geography (A & B) 0.5 – Civics/U.S. Government (A) 0.5 - Economics (A) 1.0 – World History & Geography (A & B) *AP courses may substitute the regular coursework

World Languages	2.0	1.0 – Spanish I (A & B) or French I (A & B) 1.0 – Spanish II (A & B) or French II (A & B) (or language other than English in grades 9-12) *AP courses may substitute the regular coursework
Physical Education	0.5	0.5 – Physical Education (A)
Health	0.5	0.5 – Health (A)
Visual, Performing, or Applied Arts	1.0 +	Possible Courses: Drama (A & B), Theatre Production (A & B), Computer Graphics (A & B), Choir (A & B), Band (A & B), Sculpture (A), Fundamentals of Art (A), Painting (A), Digital Photography (A), Music Appreciation (A), Exploration of Sound (A), Broadcasting Art & Film (A & B), child Theatre/Improvisation (A), Dance (A & B), AP Studio Art (A & B), other related courses
On-Line Learning Experience / Technology Course	20 hours minimum required	Possible Courses: On-Line Learning (A & B), Web-Page Creation (A & B), Computer Graphics (A & B), *E20/20 (A), Digital Photography (A), or any on-line integrated learning experiences or courses with technology embedded within the curriculum *Virtual courses for credit recovery, skill development, homebound, or general course credit
Electives	1.5 + (Class of 2012 only) ----- 3.5 + (Class of 2013 and beyond)	Courses elected by students to explore college, career, or personal interests.
Community Service	0.5	40 – Documented Hours (minimum requirement)
Total for Graduation	20.0 + ----- 22.0 +	20 – Credits or more <u>and</u> the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements met for the Class of 2012 (only) ----- 22 – Credits or more <u>and</u> the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements met for the Class of 2013 and beyond <i>*Approved by the Board of Education on June 27, 2011</i>

Advanced Placement (AP) Program – The College Board’s Advanced Placement Program gives high school students an opportunity to pursue college level studies while still in high school. Some colleges award college credit and/or advanced standing if the student achieves appropriate scores on the AP tests administered in May. Summer assignments may be required for AP courses that will be due upon return in the fall. AP & Pre-AP courses receive a weighted grade.

Oakland Schools Technical Campus (OSTC) & Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts (CASA) – These off-campus programs offer unique learning environments that provide students with the best structure possible to receive technical, creative, workplace skills, and academic rigor necessary to succeed in post-secondary endeavors (college or careers). Enrollment is open to all high school junior and senior students who have met their requirements, completed an application, and have an updated EDP. Enrollment is limited and not guaranteed. For more information and to obtain an application, contact your counselor. Bus Transportation is provided for OSTC & CASA.

Testing Out – Students have the opportunity to test out of a class due to existing knowledge in a particular subject area to earn credit. Oak Park High School offers testing out opportunities for high school students twice during the school year. Testing is coordinated through the department/subject area instructor and will be held on a designated date and time at OPHS. Students will need to exhibit mastery of the subject matter of the course by attaining a grade of not less than C+ (78% or higher) on the examination. A student successfully testing out of a course will be awarded credit in the course and a “P” (pass) for the grade. No letter grade will be recorded on the transcript or averaged into the GPA. More information regarding dates and registration will be posted on the building calendar or arranged by appointment.

Dual Enrollment – Any junior or senior who has earned a qualifying score on the PLAN, PSAT, and/or ACT may be eligible to enroll in a college level course while also taking classes at OPHS. An eligible course is any course which is career or academically driven and NOT currently offered at OPHS, CASA, or OSTC. Please see your counselor for details regarding Dual Enrollment or visit Michigan Department of Education website to obtain additional information about this option. *We are required to inform you that the Postsecondary Enrollment Act, PA 160 of 1996 as amended by PA 178 of 1998, and the Career and Technical Preparation Act, PA 258 of 2000, require school districts to support dual enrollment pupils in grades 11 and 12.

Course Catalog – See your counselor for a catalog or listing of courses for CASA, OSTC, e20/20, and OPHS or visit the websites for detailed information.