

Diplomas of Higher Distinction

Two diplomas of higher distinction may be earned at The Midland Academy. The diplomas of higher distinction are the College Preparatory and the Scholars diplomas. One of the courses must contain a significant on-line experience. The requirements of these diplomas exceed the requirements set forth by the State of Michigan and are aligned to the desired curricular accomplishments of colleges and universities. Additionally, Scholars Diploma graduates will be required to maintain a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.7. Students have the opportunity to seek the Advanced Placement® International Diploma (APID), a globally recognized certificate for students with an international outlook. The APID challenges a student to display exceptional achievement on AP Exams across a minimum of five disciplines. Universities worldwide utilize the APID in admissions.

Subject	Credit Requirements	
	<i>College Preparatory</i>	<i>Scholars</i>
English	8	8
Math* Algebra I, Geometry and Advanced Algebra are required	8	8
Science Biology and Chemistry or Physics are required	6	6
Social Studies Government, Economics, World History and US History are required	6	6
Foreign Language*	4 2 nd Year Proficiency	6 3 rd Year Proficiency
Computer Science	2	2
Speech/Communications	1	1
Fine Arts** Visual Arts, Music & Theater	5	5
Physical Education	2	2
Life Skills	1	1
Graduation Thesis	1	1
Elected Courses	3	2
<i>Academic Course Requirements Total</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>Blue, Gold and White¹</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>TOTAL²</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>60</i>

Students may satisfy the Elected Courses requirement by taking classes in any subjects they desire at The Midland Academy.

*The Scholars Diploma requires two additional credits than the College Preparatory Diploma in these areas.

**No more than three (3) credits may be taken in any one discipline to satisfy this requirement.

¹The twelve (12) blue, gold and white requirements are based on a student being enrolled in The Midland Academy High School for four years. Students are expected to fulfill the blue, gold and white point requirements for the years of attendance at The Academy High School that correspond with their class standing.

The total credits may fluctuate for each student depending upon the blue, gold and white requirements for the number of years that a student attend The Academy High School. A student must fulfill the Academic Course Requirements plus the appropriate number of blue, gold and white point credits in order to graduate.