

Michigan Scholars Course of Study



Requirement to Qualify as Graduating Senior

English Language Arts:

Four (4) Credits

English I, II, III, and IV

Mathematics:

Three (3) Credits

Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry

Science:

Three (3) Credits

Biological Science, Physical Science,
Chemistry

Social Studies:

Three (3) Credits

World History, Economics,
American History, U.S. Government

Languages Other Than English:

Two (2) Credits

In the same language

Total Credits = 15

Plus District Graduation Requirements



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What is the Michigan Scholars Program?



Michigan Scholars is an effort by area business and school volunteers to encourage students to complete challenging courses during high school that will prepare them for jobs or higher education after graduation. The Scholars Course of Study gives students the foundation they need to succeed in a technical school, community college, university, the military, or industry. With a Scholars background, a person is a more attractive job candidate and more likely to complete training or education that leads to better jobs and better pay.

Michigan Scholars is endorsed by employers, the Michigan Department of Education, the President's Council State Universities of Michigan, and the Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence.

Who are Michigan Scholars?



Michigan Scholars are high school students who have completed the Scholars Course of Study, a specific sequence of academic courses in math, science, language arts, and social studies.

Why become a Michigan Scholar?



The Michigan Scholars philosophy is based on the belief that it is better to pass an academically challenging course than to get a higher grade in an easier course.

Graduating Michigan Scholar students:

- acquire advanced academic skills
- develop sound decision making and critical thinking skills
- are prepared for college and reduce the likelihood of needing costly remedial courses
- are stronger candidates for certain types of financial aid and scholarships
- have enhanced opportunities for placement and future advancement with local and international employers.

Employers, colleges, universities, and technical schools care about an applicant's overall education, not just a grade-point average. They prefer people who have completed a demanding course of study in high school. They value a C in a hard class more than an A in an easy one.

Michigan Scholars receive special recognition for their academic achievements during high school and upon graduation. They also significantly increase their chances of eligibility for the Michigan Merit Award.

How do students become Michigan Scholars?



Review the requirements of your school district's Scholars Course of Study (see reverse), enroll in and pass the courses, and graduate from high school. And tell your parents, teachers, and school counselors that you want to graduate as a Michigan Scholar so that they can help you achieve your goal.

What role do parents play in the Michigan Scholars Program?



Parents' encouragement and support are essential in helping students achieve their academic goals. In the 8th grade, each student will prepare a four-year Scholars Course of Study plan with the help of parents and school counselors. Parents should work with school counselors and teachers to help their children meet Scholars' course requirements. In this way, parents help ensure that students are prepared for the workforce or higher education upon graduation from high school.