

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(effective September 2009)

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from Highland requires the successful completion of a minimum of 23 academic credits with a minimum Highland cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0. One credit is the equivalent of the successful completion of a full-year course. Semester courses carry one-half credit.

Minimum requirements for graduation are listed below. Any variation requires prior approval by the Upper School Director and the Director of Studies.

English	4 credits (must be 4 year-long English classes)
Foreign Language	2 credits (at least through the third year of a language)
Mathematics	3 credits (at least through Algebra II and Geometry)
Social Sciences	3.5 credits (must include U.S. History and Government)
Laboratory Sciences	3 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Computer Science	1 credit (must include Technology for the 21 st Century) {Note: Students who have taken Computer Concepts or Programming I prior to the 2009-2010 school year do not have to take Technology for the 21 st Century}
Electives	5.5 credits
TOTAL	23 credits

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/PARTICIPATION

Students may choose between these two options in order to satisfy this requirement:

They may take one credit of PE classes at Highland,

OR

They may participate actively in two seasons of team sports at the JV or Varsity level.

Any variation requires prior approval by the Upper School Director and the Athletic Director.

FRESHMAN WELLNESS

All freshmen must take Wellness.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students in Grades 9-11 are required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of approved community service each year for a total of 60 hours during their Highland career.

JUNIOR INTERNSHIP

This program provides students the opportunity to explore and clarify potential career interests, discover what skills and education are essential for success, and develop maturity and responsibility. This experience will help students as they embark on the college and academic program selection process, and will allow them to refine their interests before choosing their three week-long Senior Project.

SENIOR PROJECT

The Senior Project allows students to experience a meaningful closure to their Upper School years. During the last three weeks of school, seniors are given the opportunity to explore a career, academic, or service interest by developing an internship or pursuing an independent project. Projects culminate in an evaluation by the sponsor and a presentation to Highland students and faculty.