



## Michigan Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

If otherwise eligible, all students, including private school students, home-schooled students, students enrolled in Department of Defense Overseas Schools, and Bureau of Indian Affairs students may qualify for an ACG under the rigorous secondary school program of study options pre-recognized by the Secretary. These options include a set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative and the Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores as detailed below.

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Michigan from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 are:

- ***Michigan Scholars***. This program, part of the national State Scholars Initiative and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
  - Four credits in English (English I-IV);
  - Three credits in math (Algebra I, Algebra II and geometry);
  - Three credits in science (biological science, physical science and chemistry);
  - Three credits in social studies (world history, economics, American history, U.S. Government);
  - Two credits in a language other English;
  - Plus district graduation requirements
  
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative***. This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
  - Four years of English;
  - Three years of math (including Algebra I, and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
  - Three years of science, including one year each of at least two of the following courses: biology, chemistry, and physics;
  - Three years of social studies; and
  - One year of a language other than English.
  
- ***Advanced Placement (AP or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores***. This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
  
- ***Michigan Merit Standard***. This program requires:
  - Four credits of English;
  - Four credits of math (including Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry and one credit in the Senior Year);
  - Three credits of science (including biology, physics or chemistry, and one additional science credit);
  - Three credits of social studies (U.S. History and Geography, World History and Geography, Economics (half credit) and Civics (half credit));
  - One credit of physical education and health;
  - One credit of visual, performing, or applied arts; and
  - One on-line learning course or experience.
  - Links to credit expectations and guidance:
    - [www.michigan.gov/highschool](http://www.michigan.gov/highschool)