Mississippi High School Diploma and Endorsement Options Requirements

Traditional Diploma

- Earn 24 credits (Carnegie Units) in a selection of required classes including English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Technology or Computer Science, College and Career Readiness, Health, Art, Physical Education and electives
- Local school districts may add graduation requirements to the state requirements

Traditional Diploma + Career and Technical Education (CTE) Endorsement

- Earn 26 Credits
- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5
- Earn silver level on ACT WorkKeys
- Must successfully complete one (1) of the following:
    - One (1) dual credit
    - Work based Learning
    - Earn a State Board of Education approved national credential
    - One (1) Advance Placement (AP), Diploma Program-International Baccalaureate (IB), or Cambridge (AICE) course aligned to their career pathway. Students must earn a C or higher and take the appropriate exam.

Traditional Diploma + Academic Endorsement

- Earn 26 credits
- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5
- Two (2) elective courses must meet MS IHL college preparatory curriculum (CPC) requirements
- Must successfully complete one (1) of the following:
    - ACT sub scores of 17 in English and 19 in Math
    - Essentials of College Math or Essentials of College Literacy (in senior year)
    - SAT equivalency subscore
- Must successfully complete one (1) of the following:
    - One (1) AP course with a C or higher and take the appropriate Advance Placement (AP) exam
    - One (1) Diploma Program-International Baccalaureate (IB) or Cambridge (AICE) course with a C or higher and take the appropriate exam
    - One (1) dual credit course and earn a C or higher in the course

Traditional Diploma + Distinguished Academic Endorsement

- Earn 28 credits
- Earn an overall GPA of 3.0
- Two (2) elective courses must meet MS IHL CPC recommended requirements
- Must successfully complete one (1) of the following:
    - ACT sub scores of 18 in English and 22 in Math
    - SAT equivalency subscore
- Must successfully complete one (1) of the following:
    - One (1) Advanced Placement (AP) course with a B or higher and take the appropriate AP exam

- One (1) Diploma Program- International Baccalaureate (IB) or Cambridge (AICE) course with a B or higher and take the appropriate exam
- One (1) dual credit course earning a B or higher in the course

Alternate Diploma

- Students who have met the criteria of having a Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD) may participate in a program of study to earn the Alternate Diploma.
- Earn 24 Carnegie Units in a selection of required classes including English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Health, Career Readiness, Life Skills Development, the Arts, and Electives
- Required to participate in the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program-Alternate (MAAP-A) **and** achieve a level of Passing or Proficient
- The state defined Alternate Diploma is included in graduation rates in the same manner as a traditional diploma.
- Students with an Alternate Diploma must contact the postsecondary institution to determine eligibility for Ability to Benefit (ATB)