

Honors Diploma

Purpose:

1. Provide a valuable framework of standard requirements for students who are 4yr college/university bound.
2. Offer an incentive for students to take challenging courses throughout their high school tenure.
3. Reward students who challenge themselves academically.
4. Provide students distinction when applying for college admittance and scholarships.

Credit Requirements – Rigorous coursework for all 4 high school years as described below:

Area of Study	Credits	Rigorous Coursework Requirements
Language Arts	4	1 credit must be advanced/honors/college level
Science	3	1 credit must be advanced science – physics/chemistry/ad. Life science/AP
Math	3	1 credit must be at or above Algebra III/Pre-calculus level
Social Science	4	1 credit must be advanced area – law/psychology/AP
Health	1	
Physical Education	1	
Career Education	1	
Foreign Language	2	2 credits study of the same language
Technology	1	PTE/business/ag.science/computers
Electives	6	Riverside & Irrigon Jr-Sr High Schools
Total Credits	26	Riverside & Irrigon Jr-Sr High Schools
Electives	8	Heppner Jr-Sr High School
Total Credits	30	Heppner Jr-Sr High School (8 period day)

Language Arts	4 credits (1 credit must be an advanced/honors/college level class)
Mathematics*	3 credits (must include Algebra II)
Science*	3 credits (must include a lab science such as physics, chemistry, Adv Bio, etc)
Social Sciences*	3 credits
Foreign Language*	2 credits in the same language
Health	1 credit
PE	1 credit
Career Ed	1 credit
Advanced Course	1 honors/adv. credit beyond the above noted minimum in a field marked (*)
Technology Ed	1 credit (PTE/Business/Ag Science/Computer Education)
Elective Credits	6 credits
Total Req. Credits	26 credits

GPA Requirements:

~~Minimum GPA 3.25 (through 06/07)~~

~~Minimum GPA 3.50 (after 06/07) or a 3.25GPA or better with an 1100 SAT (or equivalent) or 23 ACT score.~~ **GPA of 3.5 or 3.25 and 1650 SAT or 23 ACT score.**

Other Requirements:

Students must earn a state issued CIM (reading, writing, mathematics, and science);

Receive no D or F on transcript;

Pass 11th grade benchmarks and complete all work samples

Additional requirements as per Policy IKF-Standard (i.e. Educational Plan & Profile, Extended Application, Career-Related Learning and Learning Experiences)

Implementation and Guidance:

~~The Honors Diploma may be awarded as soon as graduation 2006 at Riverside Jr/Sr High School and Heppner Jr/Sr High School and in graduation 2007 at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School.~~

Honors Diploma criteria will be published in all jr/sr high school student handbooks and other pertinent school materials.

Students interested in attaining an Honors Diploma must begin planning with their guidance counselors, class advisors, and parent(s)/guardian(s) early on in their high school careers to insure GPA and credit requirements are being met.