

## 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 <b>or Comm 101</b>
Health	1	
Physical Education	1	
Career Education	1	
Foreign Language	2	2 credits study of the same language
Technology	1	CTE/business/ag science/computers
Fine Arts	1	Art/2 <sup>nd</sup> Language/Music, CTE, etc
Electives	5	RHS and IJSH Schools
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Riverside &amp; Irrigon Jr-Sr High Schools</b>
Electives	10	Heppner Jr-Sr High School
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Heppner Jr-Sr High School (8 period day)</b>

**GPA Requirements:** 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade benchmarks and complete **and pass** all work samples (**writing, speaking, mathematics problem solving, scientific inquiry**) **required for graduation**. Additional requirements as per Policy IKF-Standard (i.e. Educational Plan & Profile, Extended Application, Career-Related Learning and Learning Experiences)

**College Credits Required: 3 for 2012-13; 6 for 2013-14; 9 for 2014-15.**

### **Implementation and Guidance:**

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.