



## **Mason Senior High School** ***Credits and Graduation Requirements***

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A student must successfully complete all graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma.

A student will normally complete graduation requirements in four years. However, some students do not finish in four years and may need additional time or alternative placement, or both, to finish all requirements. In order to receive a diploma and graduate, a student will need to meet the school requirements for basic coursework and earn the total number of minimum credits. Mason Senior High School/MAVA has adopted the “Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC).” Students not on track to graduate in the expected timeframe will continue to follow the graduation requirements designated to them as a first time ninth-grader.

In order to graduate and fully participate in the graduation ceremony, students will pass 92% of all attempted credits and meet the following graduation requirements:

- 4 credits of English (English 9, English 10, English 11, and English 12)
- 4 credits of Mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and 1 math or math-related course to be completed in senior year)
- Three credits of Science (Pre-Chemistry/Pre-Physics, Biology I, and either Chemistry or Physics
  - Beginning with the Class of 2025 – Biology I, Chemistry, Physics
- 3 credits of Social Studies (.5 Civics, .5 Economics, US History and Geography, World History and Geography)
- 1 credit of Visual Performing and Applied Arts
- 2 credits of World Language
  - A student may fulfill one credit of a world language by completing a department approved formal career and technical education program or by completing a visual or performing arts credit in addition to the VPAA requirements.
- .5 credit of Physical Education
- .5 credit of Health Education
- An additional 6 elective credits
- All high school students must also participate in an online course or learning experience (can be one of the above-listed, required credits; earned in grades 9-12 or through an equivalent learning experience K-12).
- Take all state of Michigan and district assessments.
- Students may earn 0.5 credits in Eagle Advisory each year.



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**Note 1:** This is the traditional course sequence suggested by the individual departments. In some instances, with administrator approval, students may choose an alternative sequence of courses to satisfy graduation requirements.

**Note 2:** Full Academic Schedule; in order to participate in the graduation ceremony, students must maintain a full academic schedule throughout their high school career.

**Note 3:** Possession of graduation requirements: Students who cannot demonstrate completion of the graduation requirements (at the end of final exams for seniors) three full calendar days prior to the graduation ceremony may be excluded from the graduation ceremony by the high school principal. Students who fulfill the requirements for graduation after this cutoff date but prior to the beginning of the next academic year will receive their diploma in the high school office without a ceremony.

**Note 4:** Unpaid bills, fines, missing equipment or lost uniforms. Students who owe the school money for unpaid bills or lost uniforms/equipment, fines or fees may be excluded from the graduation ceremony by the high school principal.

**Note 5:** Caps and gowns must be worn in order to walk at the graduation ceremony. Caps and gowns are to be purchased by the student/student's parents or guardians from the company identified by the school for the purpose of uniformity and decorum. Caps and gowns will not be issued to the student until the senior check out is complete.

**Note 6:** Students choosing not to participate in the graduation ceremony or who otherwise are not permitted to walk at graduation, will be issued their diploma—when all requirements have been demonstrated—no sooner than the first business day following the ceremony for the graduating class.