



TRUMAN MIDDLE COLLEGE 2026-27

Truman Middle College High School will review each student's transcript to ensure that all required courses are completed prior to graduation. When all the requirements indicated below are met, a secondary education diploma will be awarded to the student.

Graduation Requirements

At Truman Middle College High School. The following requirements must be met in order to qualify for a diploma:

REQUIRED, but not limited to the following courses:	UNITS REQUIRED
<i>English/Language Arts credits</i> Four years of English, one year of which may be related to a career pathway.	4
<i>Social Science credits</i> At least 1 year must be History of the United States or a combination of History of the United States and American Government.	2
<i>Science credits</i> 2 years of laboratory science, must include Biology or a course integrating Biology.	2
<i>Mathematics credits</i> Algebra I/Integrated Math I or Integrated Equivalent (1 year), a year-long course that includes Geometry, and one year may be related to a career pathway or computer science.	3
1 World Language, Fine Arts, Career Education, Debate Credit: 1 year selected from art, music, world languages (may include American Sign Language), CTE, or forensic speech (speech and debate).	1
Electives (these may include a selection of courses listed above)	6
*Total Credits required: students must earn a minimum of 18 credits as described.	18

*Most students will graduate with more than 18 credits due to having more than the required number of credits in one or more category.

TMC students take at least 1 English and 1 Math course each term for skill building and **STAR exam preparation.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Writing Intensive Courses: 2 courses that contain a writing–intensive component, one year is part of an English language arts course and the other year may be part of an English course.

Computer Literacy:

One year of a course that includes intensive instruction in computer literacy, which may be English, social science, or any other subject, and which may be counted toward the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.

Service Learning:

Forty hours of approved Service-Learning activities, two Service-Learning Projects equal to 20 hours each, or a combination of activities and projects equal to 40 hours.

Civics: Minimum of 18 weeks (1 semester)

Consumer Education: Minimum of 9 weeks (1 quarter) Consumer Education.

Health Education: Minimum of 18 weeks (1 semester) Health Education.

Public Law 195:

Demonstrate knowledge of U.S. and Illinois constitutions as part of subject area curricula and/or Constitution test. No student shall receive certification of graduation without passing an examination upon such subjects.

State Testing Requirement (Currently ACT):

Students are required to take a standardized assessment, as determined by the State of Illinois, as a condition for receiving a regular high school diploma.

10th-grade reading:

Minimum of 10th-grade reading level as measured by the **STAR** assessment.

Residency:

Have a minimum of one semester (90 days) residency.

FAFSA:

Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for qualifying citizens and eligible non-citizens or.

- Alternative Application for IL Financial Aid for qualifying students or.
- ISBE Non-Participation Form for extenuating circumstances.

Postsecondary Education Plan: Complete an individualized plan for postsecondary education, careers, and training in an approved format.

Senior Defense Presentation:

Complete a Senior Portfolio with a defense presentation.