

GHS HONORS DIPLOMA

The purpose of the Gladstone High School Honors Diploma is to recognize students who complete a comprehensive academic program. Students who are interested in such a program must complete a sequence of classes, which qualify them for the Honors Diploma.

Students who meet the Honors Diploma requirements will receive an "Honors Graduate" seal on their diploma and will be awarded "graduation honor cords." The Honors Diploma graduate with the highest grade point average will be designated the Valedictorian of their class after the second trimester of their senior year. Beginning with the class of 2012, all courses must be taken for a letter grade with a 3.30 cumulative grade point average. If there is a request to take courses outside of the regular school day, this request must be made to the principal for approval.

In addition, each of the 28 graded class credits must be taken for a letter grade and the student must meet all the state graduation requirements for state assessment testing and work samples as required by the state for their class. Students must also complete their Senior Project and Career Related Learning Standards (CRLS) at a Proficient level in order to meet the Honors Diploma standard.

HONORS DIPLOMA COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In order to meet the Honors Diploma requirements students must select and complete two credits worth of course work in five of the six following areas of study, for a total of 10 credits. Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Foreign Language and Electives

LANGUAGE ARTS

Senior Advanced English
Adv. American Lit.

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Government
AP U.S. History

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish II and III

SCIENCE

AP Chemistry
College Prep Chemistry
Physics
Anatomy and Physiology
Advanced Biology
AP Biology

MATHEMATICS

Algebra II or Adv Alg II
Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus

ELECTIVES (must total 2 full credits)

Advanced Art	Accounting I
Wind Ensemble	Accounting II
Chorale	Marketing II
Design Real World II	Marketing III
Clothing Const. Des.	Eng. Tech II
Spanish IV	Eng. Tech III
Environmental Leadership	Microsoft App.
Yearbook	Visual Basic Prog. I
Journalism	Visual Basic Prog. II
Web Design II	Adv. Comp. Graphics
Adv. and AP Level Math and Science	Game Design

ACADEMIC "G" LETTER

Students must: (1) Be enrolled at Gladstone High School for two trimesters, and have been on the Honor Roll (3.5 GPA and above) for five consecutive trimesters. (2) All graded classes must be taken for a letter grade (not P/NP). (3) Complete a minimum of four advanced class credits prior to lettering. **A "G" next to a class description denotes an advanced class for the Academic "G" Letter.** (4) Pass all state assessments and work sample requirements prior to lettering. After the initial letter, to continue to letter annually, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA and take a minimum of two advanced credits (4 classes) each year. The philosophy of lettering is based on recognition for academic excellence. Evaluation of academic excellence is based on a student's performance, and therefore, academic integrity will be expected. Any violation of academic integrity standards (cheating, plagiarisms, copying, etc.) will result in not qualifying for a letter for that year.