

Graduation Requirements:

4 credits of English

4 credits of Math (with one = or > Algebra 2) *

3 credits of Science (including 2 with lab)*

3.5 credits of Social Studies [including US History/Geography (1 credit); World History/Geography (1 credit); Government (1/2 credit); Economics (1/2 credit); and NM History (1/2 credit)] *

1 credit in Physical Education

1 credit in Career Cluster; Work Readiness; or Language other than English

1 credit in Health

2 credits in ASL Language Arts (NMSD requirement)

5 credits of Electives

One of the above credits must be Honors, Advanced Placement, dual credit, or distance learning.

Students must earn at least 24.5 credits and meet all requirements to graduate (including state testing requirements).

***Students on the Career Readiness option may take alternate coursework to meet graduation requirements. (i.e. - Computer courses to meet Science requirements; Career Readiness, Work Study, or Civics courses to meet Social Studies requirements; and appropriate math coursework at students' math level)**

4 year HS program (Standard option) – 24.5 credits required for graduation

Typical course load:

9th grade: Literature; Composition; Math (course depending on student level); American History; Study Skills; Biology (or other science class); Health; Elective

10th grade: Literature; Composition; ASL Language Arts; Math (course depending on student level); World History; Chemistry (or other science class); PE; Electives;

11th grade: Literature; Composition; ASL Language Arts; Math (course depending on student level); Government; Economics; Science class; Career Readiness/Work Study; Transition Electives

12th grade: Literature; Composition; Math (course depending on student level); NM History; Work Study; Transition Electives; 4th year of Science class strongly recommended; Senior Seminar (fall semester)

5 year HS program (AEIP) – 24.5 credits required for graduation

The typical course load for students in this “pathway” to graduation is similar to the standard HS program listed above with the additional of an extra 9th grade year. This additional year allows for students to participate in the ASL-English Immersion Program (AEIP) which is an one-year language intensive program designed to improve students’ language skills so that they are able to progress more effectively throughout their HS years. This extra year includes only 4-5 class periods (as opposed to the regular 7 period class day). Students in this program may be in either the Standard option or the Career Readiness option.

Extra 9th grade: AEIP Reading; AEIP Writing; AEIP ASL; Math (course depending on student level)

5 year HS program (Career Readiness option) – 24 credits required for graduation

Typical course load:

9th grade: Literature; Composition; ASL Language Arts; Math (course depending on student level); American History; Biology (or other science course); Study Skills; Health

Extra 9th grade: Literature; Composition; ASL Language Arts; Math (course depending on student level); World History; Science course; PE; Career Exploration

10th grade: Literature; Composition; Math (course depending on student level); NM History; Computer Applications; Career Readiness/Work Study

11th grade: Literature; Composition; Math (course depending on student level); Civics; Financial Literacy; Work Study; Transition Electives

12th grade: Literature; Composition; Advanced Consumer Math; Work Study; Transition Electives; Senior Seminar (fall semester)

5 year HS program (Career Readiness option – Life Skills) – 24 credits required for graduation

Typical course load:

9th grade: LS Reading; LS Writing; ASL Language Arts; Math 1; General Science; Health; Career Exploration

Extra 9th grade: LS Reading; LS Writing; ASL Language Arts; Math 2; Computer Applications; Career Readiness/Work Study

10th grade: LS Reading; LS Writing; Math 3; NM History; Civics; Work Study; Transition Electives

11th grade: LS Reading; LS Writing; Consumer Math 1; Work Study; Transition Electives

12th grade: LS Reading; LS Writing; Consumer Math 2; Senior Seminar (fall semester); Work Study; Transition Electives

6 year (approximate) HS program (Ability option – CBI)

Community Based Instruction classes are for students on the ability option. There are no credit requirements for this option. Students' IEP team members do an annual review of the student's progress throughout his/her years at NMSD and determine when he/she is ready to graduate. Usually, students stay in this program until the year that they turn 22 years old. Students in this program usually stay in high school between 5-7 years. Each semester course is worth ½ credit for transcript purposes.

Typical course load for each year:

CBI Applied Academics; CBI Vocational; CBI Domestic; CBI Community; CBI Recreation/Leisure; Electives such as Art, Woodshop, and Computers; Adapted PE.