

CMS High School Graduation Requirements

English – 4 Credits

English I 1 Credit
English II 1 Credit
English III 1 Credit
English IV 1 Credit

Math – 4 Credits

(Students MUST Take a Math Each Year)
Integrated I 1 Credit
Integrated II 1 Credit
Integrated III 1 Credit
Upper Level Math 1 Credit

P.E. and Wellness – 1.5 Credits

Wellness 1 Credit
Physical Education .5 Credit

Fine Arts – 1 Credit

Elective Focus – 3 Credits

Science - 4 Credits (for CMS)

Biology I 1 Credit
Chemistry or Physics 1 Credit
Lab Science 1 Credit
Lab Science 1 Credit

Social Studies-3 Credits

World History/Geog. 1 Credit
U. S. History &Geog. 1 credit
Economics .5 Credit
U.S. Government & Civics .5 Credit

Personal Finance - .5 Credit

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Foreign Language – 2 Credits

(Must Be the Same Language)

Elective Credit – 1 credit

24 Total Credits Required for Graduation

Students must complete an **Elective Focus of Three Units**: in a state approved CTE program of study, science and math, humanities, fine arts, JROTC, AP/IB, or other Board approved focus. *** (3 AP courses count as a Focus).

The Physical Education Requirement may be met by substituting an equivalent time of physical activity in other areas including, but not limited to, marching band, JROTC, cheerleading, interscholastic athletics, and school sponsored intramural athletics.

To Graduate with Honors students must score at or above all the subject area readiness benchmarks on the ACT or equivalent score on the SAT.

To Graduate with Distinction students must attain a B average (3.0) and complete at least one of the following:

- participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools
- participate in one of the state's All State musical organizations
- be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist
- attain a score of 31 or higher composite score on the ACT
- attain a score of 3 or higher on at least two advanced placement exams
- successfully complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
- earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed postsecondary credit

The Valedictorian/Salutatorian shall be the student(s) who attain(s) the highest grade point average for grades 9-12 and have taken a minimum of twelve (12) honors or above honors level courses and meet all requirements for a student graduating with honors and a student graduating with distinction pursuant to the Tennessee Board of Education's criteria.

Valedictorian Requirements

Highest Grade Point Average
12 Honors or Above Courses
Graduate with Honors
Graduate with Distinction

Salutatorian Requirements

Second Highest Grade Point Average
12 Honors or Above Courses
Graduate with Honors
Graduate with Distinction

Graduation with Honors

Meet ACT Benchmarks

*English	18
*Mathematics	22
*Reading	22
*Science	23

Graduation with Distinction

- *Attain a 3.0 Grade Point Average plus ONE of the following:
 - *Earn a nationally recognized industry certification
 - *Participate in at least one Governor's School
 - *Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi Finalist
 - *Attain a composite score of 31 or higher on the ACT
- *Attain a score of 3 or higher on at least two Advanced Placement exams
- *Successfully complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma program
 - *Earn 12 or more semester hours of postsecondary credit

Central Magnet Diploma of Merit

- *Complete senior thesis OR Biomed or Engineering Project
- *Turn in community service hours each year of high school
 - *Complete 4 AP classes