

BALLARD HONORS DIPLOMA

Students may attain the status of graduating with an Honors Diploma if they graduate with at least **50 credits**. The extra 6 credits, above and beyond the 44 credits required for a Ballard Diploma would come from students taking certain upper level challenges in decided curricular areas, while **maintaining a G.P.A. of at least 3.33**.

Requirements:

LANGUAGE ARTS: The following courses would be required.

8 credits in English including:

9th English

11th English

10th English

ECB or electives

Electives- Publishing, Yearbook, Speech A, *Theatre A, *Advanced Theatre, Creative Writing, Literature, Individualized Reading

MATH: The following courses would be required.

8 credits in Math including 2 credits from Advanced Algebra, Trigonometry, (AP) Calculus, or Statistics

SCIENCE:

8 credits in Science including; Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry

and two credits from one of the following: Adv. Chemistry, Adv. Biology, Advanced Scientific Frontiers or Physics.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

8 credits in Social Studies including; Government, Economics, US History: Beginnings to 1877, US History: 1877 to Present (or AP US History), World History.

Electives (Iowa Studies, Psychology, Sociology)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

6 credits in Foreign Language

ELECTIVES:

12 credits in either music or art electives, technical media, industrial tech., family/consumer science, speech, theatre, Voc. Ag., DMACC Consortium and/or other required courses, ie. P.E. etc.

*The above tagged courses receive Ballard English credits but are not NCAA or RAI approved courses. See page 14 for a full list of approved RAI courses.

**Ballard High School
HONORS Diploma
Completion of Required Education**

Science (8 credits required)

Course	Grade	Credit
Physical Science		
Physical Science		
Biology		
Biology		
Science Elective*		
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*Survey of Science cannot be used as an elective
TOTAL _____

Language Arts (8 credits required)

Course	Grade	Credit
Survey of English		
Survey of English		
American Lit & Composition		
American Lit & Composition		
World Lit and Composition		
World Lit and Composition		
English Elective		
English Elective		

TOTAL _____

***Physical Education (2 credits required)
(8 semesters required unless waived)**

Course	Grade		Credit	
	1 st	1 st	2 nd	2 nd
PE – 9th				
PE – 10th				
PE – 11th				
PE – 12th				

TOTAL _____

Foreign Language (6 credits required)

Course	Grade	Credit
Spanish I		
Spanish I		
Spanish II		
Spanish II		
Spanish III		
Spanish III		

TOTAL _____

Math (8 credits required)

Course	Grade	Credit
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*Must be Algebra II or higher
TOTAL _____

Social Studies (8 credits required)

Course	Grade	Credit
US History: Beginnings to 1877		
US History: Beginnings to 1877		
US History: 1877 to Present		
US History: 1877 to Present		
World History		
World History		
Government		
Economics		

TOTAL _____

**Electives (10* credits required)
*more may be required if waiving PE**

Course	Grade	Credit
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TOTAL _____

TOTAL CREDITS: _____

AS OF: _____

* Students who have a full academic schedule and have waived PE must complete 2 additional electives to fulfill the 50 credit diploma requirement.