

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



## KHS

### All Diplomas Require "Credits"

What is a Credit?

The "units" for graduation, all diplomas at KHS require a **minimum of 44 Credits** earned to graduate with advanced degrees requiring up to **47 Credits**. Each class is worth **1 Credits per semester** and students must acquire a **"D" grade** to earn a credit. An **"F" grade** in a class required for graduation means you **must retake the class to earn a diploma**.

### Different Diplomas Require Different Credits

What diplomas are there and what's the difference?

Knightstown offers 4 types of diploma:

- General
- Core 40
- Core 40 with Technical Honors
- Core 40 with Academic Honors

General and Core 40 diplomas require **44 Credits** all allotted to **different subject requirements**. Both honors diplomas require **47 Credits** and **require different classes than the regular Core 40 diplomas**.

### Earned Credits are Required for a Range of Subject Matters

How many credits do I need in each subject?

**Core 40 Requirements** for subjects are as follows:

- 8 Credits in English
- 6 Credits in Mathematics: **Algebra 1 & 2 and Geometry Required**
- 6 Credits in Science: **Biology 1 and Chemistry 1 OR Physics 1 Required**
- 6 Credits in Social Studies: **Econ, U.S History, U.S Gov., World History & Civilization OR Geo. & History of World Required**
- 5 Credits of Directed Elective (Fine Arts, World Languages, or Career Tech)
- 2 Credits in Physical Education
- 1 Credit in Health and Wellness
- 9 Credits in General Electives
- 1 Credit in Preparing for College and Careers

**Core 40 with Academic Honors requirements** are as follows:

- Complete **all requirements for Core 40**
- Earn **2** additional Core 40 math credits
- Earn **6-8** credits Core 40 world language credits (6 credits in one language or 4 credits each in two languages)
- Earn **2** Core 40 fine arts credits •
- Earn a grade of **"C" or above** in courses that count toward the diploma
- Have a cumulative GPA of a **"B" or above (2.67)**

**AND Complete one of the following:**

- A. 4 credits in AP courses and take corresponding AP exams,
- B. 6 college credits in dual credit courses from priority course list,
- C. Earn two of the following:
  - 1.3 college credits from priority course list,
  - 2.2 credits in AP courses and take corresponding AP exams,
  - 3.2 credits in IB courses and take IB exams.
- D. SAT: 1250 or higher (min of 560 on math & 590 on EBRW)
- E. Earn an ACT composite score of 26 or higher and complete written section
- F. Earn 4 credits in IB courses and take corresponding exams

**Core 40 with Technical Honors requirements** are as follows:

- Complete **all requirements for Core 40**
- Earn grade of **"C" or above** in courses that count toward the diploma
- Have a GPA of **"B" or above**
- Earn **6** credits in the college & career preparation courses in a College & Career Pathway and **one** of the following:
  - 1.Pathway designated industry-based certification or credential
  - 2.Pathway dual credits resulting in 6 transcribed college credits

**AND Complete one of the following:**

- Any one of the options of the Academic Honors Diploma.
- Earn the following scores or higher on WorkKeys:
  - Reading for Information - Level 6
  - Applied Mathematics - Level 6
  - Locating Information - Level 5
- C. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Accuplacer:
  - Writing 80 Reading 90 Math 75
- D. Earn the following minimum score(s) on Compass:
  - Algebra 66, Writing 70, Reading 80.

### Scheduling for Freshman Year Involves Required Classes

What are the classes?

Freshman are required to take certain courses during their first year at KHS. Those course are:

- English 9 (there is an option to complete an honors project to earn Honors English 9 credit)
- Biology (teachers will make recommendations for college prep)
- Algebra I or Geometry (dependent upon current math track)
- World History
- PE I & II and/or Health

### KHS Offers a Variety of Advanced Level Classes

What types of classes?

**Three** types of classes are offered starting Junior year: Advanced Placement and Dual Credit offered at KHS and Vocational Courses offered through the New Castle Career Center.

**Advanced Placement (AP Courses):** Students who earn a **score of 3 or higher** on the classes AP Examination will **receive college credit** toward their degree at any Indiana public institution of higher education. **Current AP Courses at KHS:** AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Calculus, AP 2D Studio Art

**Dual Credit:** Courses in which students can earn both high school and college credits through IU and Ivy Tech. **Current Courses offered are:** ACP Bio, ACP Comp, ACP Speech, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Calculus A, AP U.S History

**Vocational Programs:** Vocational courses apply towards the Technical Honor degree and are offered through the New Castle Career Center. These programs are for **Juniors and Seniors only**. A list of available programs is located on their website <https://nccareercenter.org/>

### The Guidance Office Webpage has More Helpful Info

What's on there and how do I find it?

The guidance page on the KHS website has all this information and more! You can go to the site and follow these instructions to find more: **Knightstown Community High School Website -> Departments -> Welcome to KHS Guidance -> Scheduling**. if you cant find what your looking for feel free to contact Ms. Wendy Vischer (Student Services Director) or Mr. Ethan Roberts (Registrar/Student Services Secretary)

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