

Troy School District

Secondary Education Frequently Asked Questions

Graduation

1. *What is the minimum requirement for a student to walk with their graduating class?*

Any student who fails to achieve the 22.5 required credits for graduation may participate in the graduation ceremony if he/she meets either of the following criteria:

- a. Has earned all but 0.5 credits of the total **required** credits.
- b. Has earned 21.5 credits.

A student deficient in credit, but wishing to participate in the graduation ceremony, who meets these criteria must produce a receipt of summer school, adult education, or pre-approved virtual course(s). A diploma will be conferred upon receipt of the successful completion of the course(s).

2. *Are TSD students allowed to graduate early from Troy High School or Troy Athens High School?*

No. However, a student/family has the right to petition the high school principal in an extreme or extenuating circumstance.

3. *What are the cords of recognition for graduation?*

3.85 - 4.0	Summa Cum Laude – Gold Cord
3.50 - 3.84	Magna Cum Laude – Silver Cord (AHS)/Purple Cord (THS)
3.25 - 3.49	Cum Laude –Red (AHS)
3.0 - 3.24	Distinction – White

High School Credits and Courses

4. *Do TSD students receive high school **credit and grade** for courses taken in middle school?*

All middle school students taking a high school level course while in middle school (i.e. Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry Honors, Spanish 1, French 1, Chinese 1, etc.) will receive grade and credit. The grade will be included in the overall high school grade point average (GPA). The grade and credit will only be conferred upon matriculation to a TSD high school.

5. *Can a TSD student retake a course in high school to replace a grade earned from the same course in middle school?*

If a student retakes a high school class that was taken at the middle school (**prior to or concurrent with the next course in sequence**), the record of the course taken during middle school will be delete upon completion of the retaken course at the high school level.

6. *How many credits must a student have to be considered an 11th grade student (a junior eligible for M-STEP testing)?*

A TSD student must have earned 10.0 credits by September 1 of the current school year.

7. *How many credits must a student have to be considered a 12th grade student (senior status)?*

A TSD student must have earned 14.5 credits by September 1 of current school year, or 18.5 credits by the end of the first semester of the school year in which graduation is anticipated.

8. *What are acceptable alternatives for the Physical Education requirement?*

All TSD students are required to complete the 0.5 credit of Introduction to Physical Education.

In order to waive the 0.5 credit elective Physical Education requirement, a TSD student is allowed to substitute the following:

1. Two seasons of marching band.
2. Two seasons of any TSD athletic team (junior varsity or varsity) during a student's high school experience.
3. 1.0 credit beyond the established TSD graduation requirement for English, math, world language, or science.

9. *Does AP Human Geography replace the required World History 1 or World History 2 credit?*

No.

Troy College and Career High School

10. *Are students allowed to participate in their former TSD high school graduation ceremony?*

No. All students who enroll in TCCHS will participate in the TCCHS graduation ceremony.

11. *What TSD high school will the diploma designate?*

The diploma will designate the TSD high school from which the TCCHS student was originally enrolled. For example, if a student attended Athens High School for 9th and 10th grade and then transferred to TCCHS, the diploma will designate Athens High School.

12. *Can students return to their former TSD high school once they are enrolled in TCCHS?*

No.

Intersect Virtual High School

13. *Are students allowed to participate in their former TSD high school graduation ceremony?*

No. All students who complete their graduation requirements through Intersect will have the option to participate in the Troy College and Career High School ceremony.

14. *Which TSD high school will the diploma designate? Will the diploma indicate that credits were earned virtually?*

The diploma will designate Athens High School, and it will indicate that credits were earned virtually.

15. *May students return to their former TSD high school once they have enrolled in Intersect?*

Yes. Unless a student was transferred to Intersect because of a disciplinary action, or an otherwise pre-determined condition per the former building principal is established, a TSD student may return to their former TSD high school.

Virtual Credit

16. *How many credits can be earned virtually per academic school year?*

A TSD student is allowed to earn 1.0 credit of virtual coursework per academic school year.

17. *Can a TSD student take a virtual course that is not a TSD course?*

Yes. Pre-approval from your counselor and the building principal is required. Forms for pre-approval are located on both AHS and THS websites and paper forms can be accessed in both counseling offices.

18. *What is 21f?*

21f is the opportunity to enroll in a maximum of 2 virtual courses per semester to be taken concurrent with, and included as, either 1 (or 2) of the 6 required courses per semester. Students interested in this option can access the 21f form through their respective counseling office. All students enrolling in the 21f program will earn their virtual credit through the TSD Intersect Virtual program.

504

19. *What is a 504?*

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, and requires school districts to provide eligible students a free, appropriate public education designed to meet the student's individual educational needs as adequately as the needs of non-disabled students are met.

In order to be eligible for services under Section 504, a student must have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

If you feel you or your student is eligible for a 504, contact your counselor to begin the referral process.

Personal Curriculum

20. *What is a Personal Curriculum?*

A Personal Curriculum (PC) is a document by which students can request to modify the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

21. *Who is eligible for a Personal Curriculum?*

Transfer students, students who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), students requiring modification to the math curriculum, and students seeking curricular enhancement (i.e. a modification to the MMC graduation requirements) may be eligible for a PC. If you are interested in seeking a PC, contact your counselor.

NCAA

22. *Who needs the NCAA?*

All students seeking to play Division I or Division II collegiate athletics are required to register with NCAA. Register at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

23. *How do I become eligible?*

Eligibility is based on a balance of GPA, ACT/SAT scores, and course requirements. Discuss eligibility with your counselor *before junior year*.

CO-OP

24. *Who is eligible to participate in co-op?*

Senior students are eligible for Senior Business Internship or Marketing Internship, which provides up to 2.0 credits for work experience.

Junior students are eligible for the Marketing Internship, which provides up to 2.0 credits for work experience relating to marketing. Student must be concurrently enrolled in a marketing course.