

## TPS Diploma (Standard)

**Minimum of five credits per year (excluding Physical Education credit) required in Grades 9-12. Summer course credits may not be used to meet any of these requirements.**

### English Requirements

1. Must take four years of English in grades 9-12.
2. Minimum required course levels.
  - a. TPS English 3
    - i. TPS English 3 Lit and Comp, or
    - ii. TPS American History, Lit and Comp
  - b. TPS English 4, 5, 6, or AP (minimum of three required)
    - i. Any TPS course titled as English 4, 5, and/or 6 (multiple options)
    - ii. Belhaven High Scholars (each year of BHS fulfills one English 4 or higher)
    - iii. TPS AP English Language and Composition
    - iv. TPS AP English Literature and Composition

### Math Requirements

1. Must take four years of Math in grades 9-12.
2. Minimum required course levels
  - a. TPS Algebra
  - b. TPS Geometry
  - c. TPS Algebra 2
  - d. One TPS math course past Algebra 2

### Science Requirements

1. Must take four years of Science in grades 9-12.
2. Minimum required courses
  - a. TPS Biology
  - b. TPS Chemistry
  - c. TPS Grade 11/12 Science
  - d. One additional TPS high school science or computer programming course

### History / Social Science Requirements

1. Must take four years of History / Social Science in grades 9-12.
2. Required courses
  - a. **World History**
    - i. TPS World History and Cultures, or
    - ii. TPS AP World History - Modern, or
    - iii. TPS College Contemporary World History, or
    - iv. TPS High Scholars (Year 2 completes the requirement)
  - b. **Regional History (non-U.S.)**
    - i. TPS Western History and Culture, or
    - ii. TPS Asia History and Culture
    - iii. TPS High Scholars (Year 1 completes the requirement)
    - iv. Required only for non-U.S. citizens

- c. **U.S. History**
  - i. TPS AP U.S. History, or
  - ii. TPS College U.S. History, or
  - iii. TPS U.S. History for High School
  - iv. TPS American History, Lit and Comp
  - v. Required only for U.S. citizens
- d. **U.S. Government**
  - i. TPS AP U.S. Government and Politics, or
  - ii. TPS U.S. Government (Civics) and Economics, or
  - iii. TPS U.S. Government (One Semester)
  - iv. Required only for U.S. citizens
- e. **Economics**
  - i. TPS U.S. Government (Civics) and Economics, or
  - ii. TPS Economics (One Semester), or
  - iii. TPS AP Macro+Microeconomics
- f. **Elective:** One additional TPS Social Studies/Social Science course (high school or college level) may be required to earn four credits. For non-U.S. students, more than one may be required to earn four high school credits.

#### **Bible / Worldview Requirements**

1. TPS Bible Survey (may be taken for Credit or No Credit, where No Credit is less demanding but does not count toward credit requirements)
2. Additional Bible and Worldview courses are encouraged, but not required.

#### **Global Language Requirements**

1. Two Years (minimum)
  - a. Two years of the same global language.
  - b. The first year may be completed prior to grade 9. It will be credited on the transcript but does not count toward the five required credits per year in high school.
2. Required TPS courses: All language requirements must be fulfilled with TPS language courses. Other Global Language credit options will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
3. Some colleges require three or more years (credits) of global language in high school. Additional years or languages beyond the required two credits may be counted toward Elective requirements.

#### **Physical Education Requirements:**

1. May include team sport activity or individual activity. Minimum of four semesters or seasons with minimum of 45 hours logged activity per semester or season. May be completed over two to four years.
2. TPS does not require that PE be accredited (state requirements and individual needs may vary).
  - a. Transcribed PE credit is available from TPS through an individualized Physical Education course.
  - b. For non-accredited PE, a log form (provided by TPS) that includes activity, date and hours must be maintained during the semester or season, signed by the parent (or responsible adult) and submitted to TPS at the end of each semester or season.

**Electives:** Student must take additional TPS credit courses as necessary to achieve the required credited courses per year. These can be in music, art, computer science, global language beyond the minimum,

or other creditable coursework. Physical Education may not be used to fulfill Elective credits. A more competitive transcript will reflect a wider breadth of topics studied for credit.

**Approval:** TPS Diploma students must self-enroll their courses each year according to their approved diploma plan. To ensure availability of seats at acceptable times, students should enroll during the early enrollment period available to them. Any changes (additions, deletions, substitutions) to the enrollment plan (including courses taken in or outside TPS) must be approved by submitting a revised diploma plan to the assigned staff adviser for approval prior to enrolling alternate courses.

**Notes**

(1) 75% or higher required to pass each course. Academic waivers to 70% considered upon request on a case-by-case basis for individual courses.