

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

INTRODUCTION: This brochure has been developed for students to use in conjunction with the course description book. The course description book is available in printed form at each high school and will also be accessible on the world-wide web at:

<http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us>

Students are encouraged to work with their counselors when planning what courses they will register for each year.

Minimum Graduation Requirements beginning with the class of 2011

Beginning with the graduating class of 2011, a minimum of 22 credits must be earned in grades 9-12 and all students must participate in the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) during their junior year. The credits identified below are aligned with the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) and include required and elective courses. The MMC also provides for personal modifications as noted below.

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS		4.0 Credits
Including:		
Language Arts 9	(1 credit)	Grade 9
Language Arts 10	(1 credit)	Grade 10
Language Arts in Grade 11 (TBD)	(1 credit)	Grade 11
Language Arts in Grade 12 (TBD)	(1 credit)	Grade 12

(Modifications – none permitted)

SOCIAL STUDIES		3.0 Credits
Including:		
World History	(1 credit)	Grade 9
US History	(1 credit)	Grade 10
Government	(1/2 credit)	Grade 11
Economics	(1/2 credit)	Grades 9-12
	(Recommended for Grade 11)	

(Modifications – none permitted for Government, credits may be reduced from 3.0 to minimum of 2.0 if additional equivalent credit is earned in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, or Language Other Than English)

SCIENCE		3.0 Credits
Including:		
Integrated Physical Science	(1 credit)	Grade 9
Integrated Biological Science	(1 credit)	Grade 10
Chemistry or Physics	(1 credit)	Grades 11-12

(Modifications – none permitted)

MATHEMATICS	4.0 Credits
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Each student must minimally complete coursework through *Functions, Statistics, and Trigonometry*

A math or math related credit must be taken in the final year of high school.

High School equivalent math courses taken in Middle School may be used to satisfy the MMC requirements but may not be counted toward the 22 total credit minimum required to graduate.

(Modifications – credits may only be reduced after a student has completed a full year of Advanced Algebra)

VISUAL, PERFORMING, APPLIED ARTS	1.0 Credits
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Courses that are included in this area are identified below:

2D Art Exploration	Concert Band	Music Theory
3D Art Exploration	Concert Choir	Photography
Advance Women's Choral	Cuisines	Printmaking
Advanced Drawing/Painting	Drawing/Painting	School Store
Advanced Photography	Fashion Design	Sculpture
Advanced Video Production	Fit For Life	Small Business Management
Advanced Woodworking	Food & Nutrition	Stagecraft
CAD/Architecture 1	Forensics (English)	Studio Art AP
CAD/Architecture 2	Graphic Design	Symphony Band
CAD/Drafting 1	Guitar	Theater 1
CAD/Drafting 2	Independent Living	Theater 2
CAD/Engineering 1	Interior Design	Treble Choir
CAD/Engineering 2	International Business	Video Production
Ceramics	Jewelry/Metals	Wind Ensemble
Chamber Choir	Journalism 2	Woodworking Fundamentals
Child Development	Marching Band	Yearbook
Computer Apps 1	Marketing and Advertising	
Computer Apps 2	Men's Choir	

(Modifications – only if students take additional credit(s) beyond the required credits in English Language Arts, Math, Science, or Language other Than English)

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1.0 Credit

(Modifications – only if students take additional credit(s) beyond the required credits in English language Arts, Math, Science, or Language Other Than English)

ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

No Credit

Online course or learning experience with 20 hours of on-line experience embedded.

(Modifications – none permitted)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 16.0

ELECTIVES: 6.0

TOTAL Credits Required 22.0