

# East Kentwood High School

## Graduation Requirements

East Kentwood High School follows the state of Michigan requirements to earn a high school diploma.

**English:** 4 years (8 semesters)

**Math:** 4 years (8 semesters)

Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B

Geometry A and Geometry B

Algebra 2A and Algebra 2B

2 semesters of math related classes (must be taken during Senior year)

**Science:** 3 years (6 semesters)

Biology A and Biology B

Chemistry A/B, Anatomy and Physiology A/B or Physics A/B

Science elective

**Social Studies:** 3 years (6 semesters)

United States History A/B

World History A/B

Civics

Economics

**Health:** 1 semester

**Physical Education:** 1 semester

**Visual, Performing or Applied Arts:** 2 semesters

**World Language (Class of 2016 and up):** 2 years (4 semesters)

\*\*If the student can speak, read, and write in a language other than English, that student does NOT have to complete 2 years of world language classes. Students may take a test or show school attendance in another language.

**Exceptions to the graduation requirements:** There are some exceptions to the state requirements that school counselors may use, like personal curriculum and replacement of some of the core requirements with career training. See your counselor for more details.

**Credits:** Every class per semester is worth .5 credits.

Currently, we will have 6 classes per semester and 2 semesters per year

Students must earn 22 credits for graduation

**Earning credit:** Our teachers work with students of all nationalities and backgrounds, and will make accommodations for EL students. For EL students to earn credit in a high school course, they must try to complete the work assigned by the teacher and follow East Kentwood's attendance policy. In general, students must earn 60% or above in each class for each semester to earn credits. However, a teacher may determine that a student has made enough effort to earn Credit for the class even if they cannot achieve that score. EL students will not earn failing marks for a final grade in a class as they cannot be penalized for a lack of English knowledge. They may, however, earn no credit for excessive non-attendance or lack of effort.

**Transferring credits:** High school (or the equivalent) grade reports or transcripts from other countries will transfer as credits at East Kentwood. We will provide translation as needed. Please provide copies (if available) at registration, or bring to the guidance office. If you did not bring records at enrollment, please bring them to the counselor at any time during the school year. If a student does not have a paper record of grades, we will give the student an opportunity to take a test to demonstrate their knowledge of the course material and standards.

**Enrollment in public school:** Students may continue to attend at EKHS as long as they are younger than 20 according to their legal birth date before September 1 and have not graduated from high school or the equivalent. For students who are unable to earn credits or credit in the required subjects before they "age out," they can continue to pursue their education at any number of local schools in either an adult education diploma track or a GED preparation course.

**If you have questions about any of these issues, or anything related to school, feel free to talk to your student's counselor:**

School phone number: 698-6700

\*this is the same number you can call to report student absences

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