**Mississippi Scholars Requirements**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS** *Four credits must consist of*:

* English I (1) or Cambridge IGCSE Equivalent
* English II (1) or Cambridge IGCSE or AICE Equivalent
* English III (1) or Cambridge AICE Equivalent
* English IV (1) or Cambridge AICE Equivalent

**MATHEMATICS** *Four credits must consist of*:

* Algebra I (1) or Cambridge IGCSE Equivalent
* Geometry (1) or Cambridge IGCSE Equivalent
* Algebra II (1) or Cambridge IGCSE Equivalent
* And one Carnegie Unit of comparable rigor and content may come from Mathematics courses approved by the Mississippi Department of Education for academic credit.

**SCIENCE** *Four credits must consist of*:

* Biology I (1) or Cambridge IGCSE Equivalent
* Any two Carnegie Units of comparable rigor and content (Physics preferred) or Cambridge IGCSE or AICE Equivalent
* Additionally, one Carnegie Unit may come from a CTE or Cambridge IGCSE or AICE Equivalent

**SOCIAL STUDIES** *Four credits must consist of*:

* World Geography (1/2) & Mississippi Studies (1/2) Or Global Studies or AICE Global Perspectives
* World History Studies (1) or Cambridge IGCSE Equivalent
* US History (1) or Cambridge IGCSE or AICE Equivalent
* US Government (1/2)
* Economics (1/2)

**ARTS** *One credit of*:

* One Carnegie Unit of visual and performing arts meeting the requirements for high school graduation or
* 2 units for the completion of the 2 course sequence Computer Graphics Technology I & II

**ADVANCED ELECTIVES**  *Two credits must consist of language in the same language*:

* Foreign Language I (1)
* Foreign Language II (1)

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

* 40 Hours of Community or Volunteer Service during 4 years of high school
* 18 ACT Composite Score (Overall Score)
* 2.5 cumulative high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
* For students with more than 4 in-school suspensions-3 letters of recommendation (one from each of the following – principal, guidance counselor and business/community leader)
* 95% School Attendance during 4 years of high school
* No out-of-school suspension

*Mississippi Scholars must also complete any remaining State-mandated high school graduation requirements. Advanced Placement courses may be substituted in Mississippi Scholars subject areas.*

*Dual credit and online courses are acceptable.*