

Minimum Coursework Requirements for Maryville Christian School Independent Study Program

Our course requirements are the State of Tennessee's minimum requirements plus four Bible credits. Students must complete a minimum of 24 credit hours and score an ACT composite of 18 (or a 940 on the new SAT) to receive a diploma from MCS. One credit equals the completion a high school text geared for a year of study. For courses where a curriculum may not be used (e.g.: Physical Education and fine arts courses), the logging of 130 hours of instruction is required. For teacher created courses, the usual scope of a course (TN State standards) must be covered. A maximum of eight credits per year may be awarded.

Bible: 4 credits

Examples: Church History, New Testament Survey, Old Testament Survey, Worldview Studies.

English: 4 credits

It is recommended that a student covers a year each of American, World and British literature. The senior year may be your choice or a combination, or dual enrollment. Each English credit includes literature and composition with grammar, spelling and vocabulary as needed.

Foreign Language: 2 credits of same language

Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Latin, American Sign Language

Math: One credit each year - 4 credits

Algebra 1

Algebra 2

Geometry

And one math higher than Algebra 1

Options include: Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Advanced Math, Statistics, or a dual enrollment math course. For students with difficulty in math, Discrete Math is a great course to consider.

Personal Finance: ½ credit

Science: 3 credits w/labs

Biology w/lab

Chemistry or Physics w/lab (TNScholars requires Chemistry)

Another lab science

Physical Science (9th grade only), Advanced Biology, Advanced Chemistry, dual enrollment science.

Social Science: 3 credits

American History

World History

Other World History options: Modern, European, or Ancient History or World Geography

Economics – ½ credit

American Government – ½ credit

Visual/Performing Arts: 1 credit

Art, Art Appreciation, Art History, Drawing, Band, Choir, Dance, Graphic Design, Instrumental Music, Music Appreciation, Music Theory, Orchestra, Photography, Theatre, Voice, etc.



Wellness: 1½ credits

Health – ½ credit

Physical Education – 1 credit

Other Electives: 1 credit

Additional coursework in core classes, Computer Applications, Computer Science, Drafting, Logic, Speech, Debate, or dual enrollment courses.

Non-Credit/extracurricular:

Your student's transcript is an account of his academic coursework. There are many experiences in high school which are not recorded on the transcript. These experiences should be recorded on a resume beginning in 9th grade. Things to include (along with dates and/or time spent): community service, jobs, sports, clubs, leadership, and competitions/awards.

Graduation/Diploma Requirements:

Minimum total credit hours: 24

Maximum total credit hours: 32

Minimum ACT Composite: 18

Minimum SAT (RW+ M): 940