

## **Minimum Coursework Requirements for Maryville Christian School Independent Study Program - 2020 & Beyond**

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 970 on the 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 minimum of five courses per year are required and a maximum of eight credits per year may be awarded.

### **Bible: 4 credits**

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

### **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, Chinese, 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, Trigonometry, Advanced Math, Statistics, or a dual enrollment math course. For students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade without a 19 on their ACT Math sub-score, Bridge Math or Discrete Math is recommended.

### **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 (9<sup>th</sup> grade only), Advanced Biology (A&P), Advanced Chemistry, Environmental Science, Earth Science, dual enrollment science.

### **Social Science: 3 credits**

**American History & Geography**

**World History & Geography**

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

**Economics – ½ credit**

**American Government & Civics– ½ credit**

### **Visual/Performing Arts: 1 credit**

Art, Art Appreciation, Art History, Band, Choir, Dance, Graphic Design, Instrumental Music, Music Appreciation, Music Theory, Orchestra, Photography, Theatre, Voice, A/V Production, etc.



**Wellness: 1½ credits**

**Health – ½ credit**

**Physical Education – 1 credit**

**Computer Technology: recommended - 1 credit**

Computer Applications, Computer Science, Digital Art & Design\*, Programming & Logic, Web Design\*, Website Development, Architectural Drawing w/AutoCAD\*.

\*These courses can count for Visual & Performing Arts or Computer Technology.

**Other Electives:**

Additional coursework in core classes, Advanced Writing, Drafting, Logic, Speech, Debate, vocational studies, ACT Prep, dual enrollment courses, etc. Ask us!

**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 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Things to include: community service (log hours), 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): 970

