

## **TPS Diploma (Standard)**

**Minimum of five credits per year (excluding Physical Education credit) required in Grades 9-12.  
Summer course credits may not be used to meet any of these requirements.**

### **English Requirements**

1. Must take four years of English in grades 9-12.
2. Minimum required course levels.
  - a. TPS English 3
    - i. TPS English 3 Lit Analysis and Comp, or
    - ii. TPS American History, Lit and Comp (Honors)
  - b. TPS English 4, 5, 6, or AP (minimum of three required)
    - i. TPS courses with designations including 4, 5, and/or 6
    - ii. TPS Bible World History, Lit and Comp (Honors)
    - iii. TPS Medieval, Renaissance, Reformation History, Lit and Comp (Honors)
    - iv. TPS Modern History, Lit and Comp (Honors)
    - v. Belhaven High Scholars (each year of BHS fulfills one English 4 or higher)
    - vi. TPS AP English Language and Composition
    - vii. TPS AP English Literature and Composition

### **Math Requirements**

1. Must take four years of Math in grades 9-12.
2. Minimum required course levels
  - a. TPS Algebra
  - b. TPS Geometry
  - c. TPS Algebra 2
  - d. One TPS math course past Algebra 2

### **Science Requirements**

1. Must take four years of Science in grades 9-12.
2. Required courses
  - a. TPS Biology
  - b. TPS Chemistry
  - c. TPS Grade 11/12 Science
  - d. One additional TPS high school science or computer programming course

### **History / Social Science Requirements**

1. Must take four years of History / Social Science in grades 9-12.
2. Required courses
  - a. **U.S. History**
    - i. TPS AP U.S. History, or
    - ii. TPS College U.S. History, or
    - iii. TPS U.S. History for High School, or
    - iv. TPS American History, Lit and Comp (Honors)
    - v. Required only for U.S. citizens.

**b. World History**

- i. TPS World History and Cultures, or
- ii. TPS AP World History - Modern, or
- iii. TPS College Contemporary World History, or
- iv. TPS Belhaven High Scholars (Year 2 completes the requirement)

**c. Government**

- i. TPS AP U.S. Government and Politics, or
- ii. TPS U.S. Government and Politics, or
- iii. TPS U.S. Government (Civics) and Economics, or
- iv. TPS U.S. Government (One Semester)
- v. Government is *required* only for U.S. citizens. However, TPS AP Comparative Government and Politics is *recommended* for non-U.S. citizens.

**d. Economics**

- i. TPS U.S. Government (Civics) and Economics, or
- ii. TPS Economics (One Semester), or
- iii. TPS AP Macro+Microeconomics
- iv. Economics is *required* only for U.S. citizens. However, TPS AP Macro+Microeconomics is *recommended* for non-U.S. citizens.

- e. **Elective:** One additional TPS Social Studies/Social Science course (high school or college level) may be required to earn four credits. For non-U.S. students, more than one may be required to earn four high school credits.

**Bible / Worldview Requirements**

- 1. TPS Bible Survey (may be taken for credit or audit, where audit is less demanding but does not count toward credit requirements)
- 2. TPS Theology Matters (may be taken for credit or audit)

**Foreign Language Requirements**

- 1. Two Years (minimum)
  - a. Two years of the same foreign language.
  - b. The first year may be completed prior to grade 9. It will be credited on the transcript but does not count toward the five required credits per year in high school.
- 2. Required TPS courses: All language requirements must be fulfilled with TPS language courses. Other Foreign Language credit options will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 3. Some colleges require three or more years (credits) of foreign language in high school. Additional years or languages beyond the required two credits may be counted toward Elective requirements.

**Physical Education Requirements:**

1. May include team sport activity or individual activity. Minimum of four semesters or seasons with minimum of 45 hours logged activity per semester or season. May be completed over two to four years.
2. TPS does not require that PE be accredited (state requirements and individual needs may vary).
  - a. Transcribed PE credit is available from TPS through an individualized Physical Education course.
  - b. For non-accredited PE, a log form (provided by TPS) that includes activity, date and hours must be maintained during the semester or season, signed by the parent (or responsible adult) and submitted to TPS at the end of each semester or season.

**Electives:** Student must take additional credit courses as necessary to achieve the required credited courses per year. These can be in music, art, computer science, foreign language beyond the minimum, or other creditable coursework. Physical Education may not be used to fulfil Elective credits. A more competitive transcript will reflect a wider breadth of topics studied for credit.

**Approval:** TPS Diploma students must self-enroll their courses each year according to their approved diploma plan. To ensure availability of seats at acceptable times, students should enroll during the early enrollment period available to them. Any changes (additions, deletions, substitutions) to the enrollment plan (including courses taken in or outside TPS) must be approved by submitting a revised diploma plan to the assigned staff adviser for approval prior to enrolling alternate courses.

**Notes**

- (1) 75% or higher required to pass each course. Academic waivers to 70% considered upon request on a case-by-case basis for individual courses.
- (2) High Scholars two-year program will be listed on HS transcript as:
  - English 4 Western Literature and Composition 1
  - English 5 Western Literature and Composition 2
  - Western Civilization
  - Contemporary World History
  - Worldview (Elective)
  - AP Art History or College Art Appreciation

## **TPS Diploma (Honors)**

**Minimum of six credits per year (excluding Physical Education credit) required in Grades 9-12.  
Summer course credits may not be used to meet any of these requirements.**

### **English Requirements**

1. Must take four years of English in grades 9-12.
2. Minimum required course levels.
  - a. TPS English 3
    - i. TPS English 3 Lit Analysis and Comp, or
    - ii. TPS American History, Lit and Comp (Honors)
  - b. TPS English 4, 5, 6, or AP (minimum of three required)
    - i. TPS courses with designations including 4, 5, and/or 6
    - ii. TPS Bible World History, Lit and Comp (Honors)
    - iii. TPS Medieval, Renaissance, Reformation History, Lit and Comp (Honors)
    - iv. TPS Modern History, Lit and Comp (Honors)
    - v. Belhaven High Scholars (each year of BHS fulfills one English 4 or higher)
    - vi. TPS AP English Language and Composition
    - vii. TPS AP English Literature and Composition

### **Math Requirements**

1. Must take four years of Math in grades 9-12.
2. Minimum required course levels
  - a. TPS Algebra
  - b. TPS Geometry
  - c. TPS Algebra 2
  - d. TPS Precalculus

### **Science Requirements**

1. Must take four years of Science in grades 9-12.
2. Required courses
  - a. TPS Biology
  - b. TPS Chemistry
  - c. TPS Physics
  - d. TPS Grade 11/12 science

### **History / Social Science Requirements**

1. Must take four years of History / Social Science in grades 9-12.
2. Required courses
  - a. **U.S. History**
    - i. TPS AP U.S. History, or
    - ii. TPS College U.S. History, or
    - iii. TPS U.S. History for High School
    - iv. TPS American History, Lit and Comp (Honors)
    - v. Required only for U.S. citizens.

**b. World History**

- i. TPS World History and Cultures, or
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- iii. TPS College Contemporary World History, or
- iv. TPS Belhaven High Scholars (Year 2 completes the requirement)

**c. Government**

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- iii. TPS U.S. Government (Civics) and Economics, or
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- i. TPS U.S. Government (Civics) and Economics, or
- ii. TPS Economics (One Semester), or
- iii. TPS AP Macro+Microeconomics
- iv. Economics is *required* only for U.S. citizens. However, TPS AP Macro+Microeconomics is *recommended* for non-U.S. citizens.

- e. **Elective:** One additional TPS Social Studies/Social Science course (high school or college level) may be required to earn four credits. For non-U.S. students, more than one may be required to earn four high school credits.

**Bible / Worldview Requirements**

- 1. TPS Bible Survey (may be taken for credit or audit, where audit is less demanding but does not count toward credit requirements)
- 2. TPS Theology Matters (may be taken for credit or audit)
- 3. TPS Worldviews in Movies, Music and Social Media (may be taken for credit or audit) (TPS Belhaven High Scholars Year 1 + Year 2 completes the requirement)

**Foreign Language Requirements**

- 1. Three Years (minimum)
  - a. May be three years of the same foreign language (some colleges require three or more years (credits) of a foreign language in high school)
  - b. May be two years each of any two foreign languages (total four years).
  - c. The first year may be completed prior to grade 9. It will be credited on the transcript but does not count toward the six required credits per year in high school.
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  - Western Civilization
  - Contemporary World History
  - Worldview (Elective)
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