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# Distinguished Scholars Academy

## Language Arts

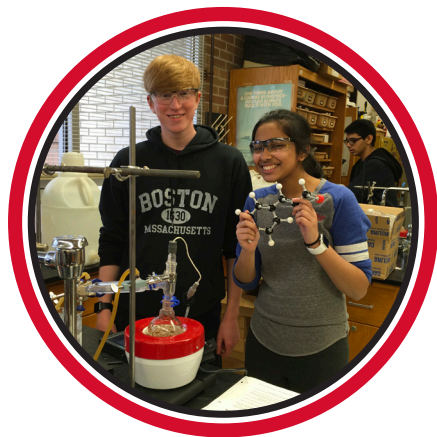


Graduation Requirements	9th Grade	Credits	10th Grade	Credits	11th Grade	Credits	12th Grade	Credits	Y 13
English (x4 credits)	Honors English 9	1	Honors English 10	1	AP English Language	1	AP English Literature	1	
Math (x3 credits)	Must take 1.0 math 9th gr year as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	Must take 1.0 math 10th gr year as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	Must take 1.0 math 11th gr year as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	Recommended: College-bound students should enroll in math all four years as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	
Science (x3 credits) (1 Life; 1 Physical; 1 Elective)	Honors Biology	1	Honors Chemistry	1	Required: Any AP level science course	1+	Recommended: College-bound students should enroll in science all four years as recommended by facilitator & science teacher	1	
Social Studies (x3 credits) (1 World; 1 US; 0.5 Govt; 0.5 elective)	World History <b>OR</b> Honors World History	1	AP European History	1	AP US History	1	US Govt <b>OR</b> AP US Govt	.5	
PE/Health (1 credit)	PE Concepts <b>OR</b> Cheer/Drill Team <b>OR</b> Strength & Conditioning <b>AND</b> Health	1	<i>Optional: P.E. Concepts AND/OR Health may be taken online through eAcademy if space is needed in student's schedule. This can be scheduled during the summer or as an 8th hour during the school year - grades 10-12 only. Other online classes are available at <a href="http://eacademy.olatheschools.com">eacademy.olatheschools.com</a></i>						Y 14
Fine Arts (1 credit) (Visual or Performing)	Student Choice - Any year Recommended: Acting I & II, Repertory Theater								
World Lang/Appl Comm (1 credit)	Student Choice - Any year(s) <b>1+</b> <b>Highly Recommended:</b> Creative Writing, Advanced Creative Writing, Creative Writing: Literary Magazine College-bound students should enroll in 2 years of the same World Language.								
Life Skills: Consumer & Personal Finance (0.5 credit)	May take Consumer & Personal Finance during 10th 11th or 12th grade .5								
Practical & Consumer (1 credit)	<i>Students fulfill Practical &amp; Consumer graduation requirement through 21st Century Academy Courses</i> <b>Highly Recommended:</b> Digital Media Technology: Yearbook, Media & Public Relations: Newspaper, Intro to Journalism								
Technology (0.5 credit)	<i>Students fulfill Technology graduation requirement through 21st Century Academy Courses</i>								
Individual Focus (6 credits) <b>21st Century Academy Coursework</b>	DS Freshmen Expedition	1	DS Symposium ELA (10)	1	DS Symposium ELA (11)	1	Distinguished Scholars Senior Capstone	1	
Total Credits: (24 total needed for graduation)	9th grade total:	7	10th grade total:	7	11th grade total:	7	12th grade total:	3+	

**NOTE:** Credits beyond requirements in any category will fall under individual focus.

Students may earn an endorsement on their transcript for completing all Academy requirements, including successful completion of coursework, outside-the-classroom learning opportunities, field experiences, and capstone projects. Refer to the Academy's Endorsement Requirements provided by facilitator or found on the web at [www.21stcentury.olatheschools.com](http://www.21stcentury.olatheschools.com)

**Distinguished Scholars must take 2 or 3 additional AP courses outside their content strand for endorsement.**



### *Olathe North - Language Arts*

#### **Who We Are:**

Academically high-achieving students immerse themselves in rigorous, non-traditional course work in one of five content areas as well as participate in cross-curricular year-long studies. Many students plan to pursue post-graduate degrees prior to embarking on careers.

#### **What We Do:**

- Work in a freshman cohort during the first year to explore academic disciplines and develop cultural awareness.
- Specialize in one of five content areas—Language Arts, Math, Political Science, Science, Visual Arts—sophomore through senior years.
- Receive specialized preparation for the PSAT/NMSQAT.
- Think and work outside the traditional academic “box” to understand current global issues from various curricular viewpoints.
- Learn from experts in their chosen fields of study.
- Participate in unique field research.
- Compete in local, regional, and national academic competitions
- Gain access to advanced technology and resources appropriate to their fields of study.
- Explore and learn academic topics outside the scope of the even the most rigorous high school courses.
- Prepare for rigorous undergraduate and graduate coursework in a wide range of academic disciplines.

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