

# BALLARD HONORS DIPLOMA

Students may attain the status of graduating with an Honors Diploma if they graduate with at least **50 credits**. The extra 6 credits, above and beyond the 44 credits required for a Ballard Diploma would come from students taking certain upper level challenges in decided curricular areas, while **maintaining a G.P.A. of at least 3.33**.

## Requirements:

LANGUAGE ARTS: The following courses would be required.

8 credits in English including:

9<sup>th</sup> English

11<sup>th</sup> English

10<sup>th</sup> English

ECB or electives

Electives- Publishing, Yearbook, Speech A, \*Theatre A, \*Advanced Theatre, Creative Writing, Literature, Individualized Reading

MATH: The following courses would be required.

8 credits in Math including 2 credits from Advanced Algebra, Trigonometry, (AP) Calculus, or Statistics

SCIENCE:

8 credits in Science including; Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry

and two credits from one of the following: Adv. Chemistry, Adv. Biology, Advanced Scientific Frontiers or Physics.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

8 credits in Social Studies including; Government, Economics, US History: Beginnings to 1877, US History: 1877 to Present (or AP US History), World History.

Electives (Iowa Studies, Psychology, Sociology)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

6 credits in Foreign Language

ELECTIVES:

12 credits in either music or art electives, technical media, industrial tech., family/consumer science, speech, theatre, Voc. Ag., DMACC Consortium and/or other required courses, ie. P.E. etc.

\*The above tagged courses receive Ballard English credits but are not NCAA or RAI approved courses. See page 14 for a full list of approved RAI courses.

**Ballard High School  
HONORS Diploma  
Completion of Required Education**

**Science (8 credits required)**

Course	Grade	Credit
Physical Science		
Physical Science		
Biology		
Biology		
Science Elective*		
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\*Survey of Science cannot be used as an elective  
**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Language Arts (8 credits required)**

Course	Grade	Credit
Survey of English		
Survey of English		
American Lit & Composition		
American Lit & Composition		
World Lit and Composition		
World Lit and Composition		
English Elective		
English Elective		

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Physical Education (2 credits required)  
(8 semesters required unless waived)**

Course	Grade		Credit	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
PE – 9th				
PE – 10th				
PE – 11th				
PE – 12th				

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Foreign Language (6 credits required)**

Course	Grade	Credit
Spanish I		
Spanish I		
Spanish II		
Spanish II		
Spanish III		
Spanish III		

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Math (8 credits required)**

Course	Grade	Credit
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\*Must be Algebra II or higher  
**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Studies (8 credits required)**

Course	Grade	Credit
US History: Beginnings to 1877		
US History: Beginnings to 1877		
US History: 1877 to Present		
US History: 1877 to Present		
World History		
World History		
Government		
Economics		

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Electives (10\* credits required)  
\*more may be required if waiving PE**

Course	Grade	Credit
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**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL CREDITS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AS OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Students who have a full academic schedule and have waived PE must complete 2 additional electives to fulfill the 50 credit diploma requirement.