

5.14 -- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

GOAL: To enhance the learning experience of students graduating from Van Buren High School by:

- raising expectations for all students,
- improving curriculum to better prepare students for post-secondary education and the world of work, and
- adding rigor and value to the honors curriculum.

The following recommendations do not alter the standard graduation requirements as set forth by the Arkansas Department of Education nor the requirements for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship.

Students who meet the requirements for the College Preparatory Diploma will meet the entrance requirements for most colleges; however, many colleges have unique entrance requirements. It is the responsibility of the student to determine the entrance requirements of the appropriate college or university and plan an appropriate high school course of study. College entrance requirements may be found in catalogs provided by the school counselor.

Research shows a direct correlation between successful completion of college and involvement in the College Board's Advanced Placement program. Students who plan to enter a traditional four-year college degree program should enter the college prep with honors or college prep with high honors diploma plan. Students who plan to enter a two-year post secondary program should enter the college prep diploma program (as a minimum). Students who do not plan to go to college should select high school courses of study that will prepare them for the occupations they plan to pursue. The general diploma plan is recommended for those students who are not planning to pursue a post-secondary degree or training program.

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