

## Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for a diploma from this high school, a student must have completed eight semesters of high school attendance with the final semester as a full-time student at Zion-Benton Township High School. In the course of the eight semesters, students must meet the minimum graduation requirement of 23.75 credits.

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units Required
English (Written & Oral Communication, World Literature & Composition, American Literature & Composition, English Electives)*	4.00
Mathematics (Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2)*	3.00
Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	3.00
Social Science (Social Studies, World History, U.S. History, Government)	3.50
Physical Education** (6 semesters required)	3.00
Health	0.50
Driver Education	0.25
Computer Tech.	0.50
Electives	4.50
Senior Year Core Electives***	1.50
<b>Total Required Credits</b>	<b>23.75</b>

\*Based on EXPLORE test results, some students will be required to concurrently enroll in Interactive Language Skills and/or Math Academy to meet freshman year requirements. Students placed in Geometry their freshman year, must still complete 3.0 credits of math.

\*\*This requirement can be met by enrolling in NJROTC or Marching Band or by participating in Varsity Athletics. See your counselor for details. If an exemption is granted, the course must be replaced with another credit.

\*\*\*Senior Year Core Electives must be in the area(s) of English, Social Science, Science, Math, Foreign Language 3 or 4, or Lake County High School Technology Campus.

Definition of a Carnegie Unit:

*A unit of credit is given for a successfully completed 36-week full-credit course or two 18-week courses meeting one period each day, five days weekly. Summer School and Before/After School credit recovery courses earn a semester of credit of 0.50 except for Driver Education, which is 0.25 credit.*

### Important Information Regarding Graduation Requirements

- 1) Students must pass all courses in the core-curriculum sequence (English, Social Science, Science, and Mathematics) to be eligible for graduation from Zion-Benton Township High School.
- 2) Students must satisfy a consumer economics graduation requirement by passing the consumer economics unit in the senior year Government course.
- 3) Students must pass the Constitution test to be eligible for graduation. This test will be offered in the senior year Government course.
- 4) If a student fails a course required for graduation, he/she must make up that credit through one of the following options:
  - a. Before or After School
  - b. Summer School
  - c. Correspondence Courses
- 5) A pass/fail option is available for some courses. Please see your counselor if you wish to explore this avenue.