

## VALLEY CENTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**Twenty-six (26) credits are required for graduation. Credits earned in grades 9 through 12 are counted towards graduation. Passing grades of "D" or above must be earned for credit to be granted. All students must pass the following REQUIRED CLASSES:**

### **1. English (4 credits)**

Freshman English  
Sophomore English  
Junior English  
Senior English

### **2. Science (3 credits) - two of which must be a lab science and one must be Biology\***

Freshman: Physical Science\*  
Sophomore: a lab course, Chemistry\* or Biology\*  
Junior/Senior: Chemistry\*, Physics\*, Biology\* or other elective science  
\* = Lab Science

### **3. Mathematics (3 credits)**

Freshman: Pre-Algebra, Algebra I or Geometry  
Sophomore: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or Pre-Calculus  
Junior/Senior: Geometry, Algebra II, or Pre-Calculus, Calculus, elective or college math

### **4. Social Science (3 credits)**

Sophomore: World History  
Junior: U.S. History  
Senior: U.S. Government and 0.5 of additional social studies elective

### **5. Physical Education (1 credit)**

Freshman: Physical Education/Health (9<sup>th</sup> grade required for graduation-must be repeated if failed)

### **6. Fine Arts/Speech (1 credit)**

Fine Arts/Speech (1 credit) 0.5 credit is earned by taking Speech, Debate or Forensics, Communications in the Workplace or College Credit Speech and an additional .5 credit must be earned by taking one eligible course from the following curricular areas: Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Art, Drama, Journalism, Woodworking/Construction, Apparel Production, or an additional .5 credit of Debate or Forensics.

### **7. Consumer and Personal Finance (0.5 credit)**

0.5 credit is earned by taking Consumer and Personal Finance.  
(Students in graduating classes 2021-2023 may also earn this credit by meeting the previous Information Technology requirement of 0.5 credit by taking Web Page Design I, Interactive Media, Computer Programming, Microsoft Office Certification, Drafting, Architectural Design, or Computer Graphics)

### **8. Elective credits**

10.5 elective credits

## **CUM LAUDE**

Effective with the graduating Class of 2019, Valley Center High School will no longer recognize Valedictorians and Salutatorians. Rather we will recognize students according to the following Cum Laude system:

- Cum Laude 3.5 – 3.6999 GPA
- Magna Cum Laude 3.7 – 3.8999 GPA
- Summa Cum Laude 3.9 GPA or higher

For any student meeting the criteria for one of the above tiers, we will also distinguish those who completed the Kansas Honor Scholars Curriculum set forth by the Kansas Board of Regents, graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, and score a 26 or higher composite on the ACT. These particular students will be honored and recognized using the title of "Honor Scholar."