

Non-Traditional Methods for Earning Graduation Credit at Kent City High School

High School courses offered at Kent City Middle School for high school credit:

- Integrated Algebra I (1 credit)
- Edmentum online courses

Weighted Courses

- Weighting of a grade means that 1.0 will be added to the corresponding total for the letter grade received.
Example: A = 5.0, A- = 4.7, B+ = 4.3, B = 4.0, etc.
- All AP courses and dual enrollment courses

Math - 4th year Math can be earned the following ways

- Pre-Calculus or GRCC MA 110 and/or MA 215
- Accounting or Personal Finance
- Physics - If student has completed three years of Science other than Physics. For example, student has completed Biology, Chemistry and/or Chemistry II and Anatomy & Physiology.
- KCTC – Some KCTC programs allow students to earn .5 or 1 credit of the 4th year Math requirement.

World Language

- Students must complete two years of the "same" World Language to graduate.
- Students may earn .5 or 1 credit of the world language requirement by: (1) successfully attending KCTC, (2) completing a 2nd year of VPAA course work.

Visual, Performing and Applied Arts (VPAA) - 1 credit

- Band, Choir, Yearbook, Kent City News Team
- Art – Foundations, Printmaking, Drawing, Ceramics/Sculpture, Painting, Advanced Art
- Computers, Graphic Design, Web Design, 3D Printing & Programming, AV Technology, Video Graphics

P.E. requirement can be met by:

- Participating in band for two years
- Completing two seasons of dance or cheerleading in good standing.
- Completing two athletic seasons in good standing

Kent Career Tech Center (KCTC) Credit Equivalency

Most programs offered at KCTC fulfill some high school graduation requirements. Some programs count for elective credit, while others may fulfill core requirements. For example, successfully completing the Applied Construction program at KCTC over two years fulfills one year of "elective" Math as required by the Michigan Merit Curriculum. Visit www.thetechcenter.org to check the "Credit Equivalency" chart showing which KCTC programs count for high school credit.

Dual Enrollment

Currently, KCHS offers WE 189, TH 248, GH 110, EN 101, EN 102, COM 131, HU 210, PS 110, MA 110, MA 215 and PY 201 for our juniors and seniors on campus through Grand Rapids Community College. Dual enrollment are weighted and do count towards student GPA's.

Online Courses

Students may use Edmentum and Michigan Virtual University (MiVHS) for credit recovery and to take courses that are not offered within our curriculum. These programs are also offered as part of our summer credit recovery program. **Athletes: Be aware that Edmentum courses are often NOT accepted by the NCAA Eligibility Center, so if you plan to participate in college athletics, this should be taken into consideration.**

AP Courses (www.mivhs.org)

There are currently 20 AP courses available via online format through Michigan Virtual University. These courses do have an online instructor.

Test Out Window: There are three opportunities to test out of a course at Kent City HS. The Test Out application along with the dates can be found on our school website under the "Student Services" section of the "High School" link, see "Miscellaneous Forms".

Michigan Merit Curriculum: All Kent City HS students must successfully complete the Michigan Merit Examination to receive their diploma. The MME is a State Standardized test that all juniors must take. It is comprised of the following tests: Day 1 - SAT, Day 2 - WorkKeys.

STUDENT AUDIT SHEET INSTRUCTIONS: At any time, Kent City High School students can do a self-audit to check their progress towards graduation. Use the following instructions to guide yourself through a self-audit.

- Request a copy of your high school transcript via your www.parchment.com account. Use your transcript to complete the audit sheet.
- Read both sides of the audit sheet carefully
- Any questions should be directed to Mr. Wilson (jeff.wilson@kentcityschools.org)