

Dear BCHS student

The State of Ohio has several options for students who wish to pursue an Honors Diploma. Please read the following information carefully and take advantage of the Honors Diploma worksheets that have been developed to help you better understand if you qualify for an honors diploma. Each student may earn only ONE Honors Diploma (i.e., if you qualify for the Academic Honors Diploma, you cannot earn another).

Please go to the following website to read more about each type of diploma, including criteria for Field Experience and Portfolio; <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Honors-Diplomas>. You can then see the details for the 5 Honors diplomas offered (BCHS does not offer International Baccalaureate courses, so option 2 is not available).

BCHS will automatically check eligibility for the Academic Honors Diploma and the Career Tech Honors Diploma for our students, since they can be determined by coursework, standardized testing, grades, etc. A list of students eligible for these will be posted in April of the senior year, so students can be aware that they are eligible for one of these.

However, students who are interested in the STEM, Arts, or Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors Diplomas will have to do some combination of either Portfolio and/or Field Experience in order to earn the Honors Diploma, so they will have additional paperwork. This work does NOT have to be done during the senior year, but can be done prior to that. However, it must be completed by May 1 of the senior year.

Students must inform the Guidance Office of their intent to pursue one of these Honors Diplomas by March 1 of their senior year by submitting the attached forms. This will allow the district enough time to secure a panel of experts for portfolio and document review and verification.

If you have questions, please let us know.

Good luck!

Nathan Conrad
Principal

Dick Gaulke
11/12 School Counselor

HONORS DIPLOMA WORKSHEET

*This worksheet must be completed for all Diplomas with Honors with the exception of the Academic and Technical Honors diplomas. Students who meet the requirements for either of those **do not** need to complete this worksheet.*

If you would like to be considered for a Diploma with Honors in one of the following areas, please fill in your name and check at the bottom of the page the diploma you would like to pursue (students may only apply for one). Turn this form in to the Guidance Office no later than March 15. Once it is confirmed that you meet at least one of the GPA and/or test requirements, a meeting will be held with the student to determine next steps and this form will be returned.

Name _____

A student must meet at least one of the following two criteria to proceed

GPA _____ (minimum 3.5) ACT/SAT _____ (minimum 27 ACT / 1280 SAT)

For all Diplomas with Honors, students must meet all but one of the criteria including ACT and GPA.

Coursework needed (all information will be verified by the school counselor and teachers of the courses)

Subject area / other	STEM	Arts (includes visual or performing arts)	Social Sci./Civic Engagement
Math	5 credits	4 credits	4 credits
Science	5 credits, including 2 Advanced	3 credits, including 1 Advanced Science	3 credits, including 1 Advanced Science
Social studies	3 credits	3 credits	5 credits
World Languages	3 credits of one, or 2 units each of 2	3 credits of one, or 2 units each of 2	3 credits of one, or 2 units each of 2
Fine Arts	1 credit	4 credits	1 credit
Electives	2 credits with a focus on STEM	2 credits, with a focus on fine arts	3 credits, with a focus on social sciences or civic engagement
Field Experience	Complete and document in a portfolio specific to an area of focus	Complete and document in a portfolio specific to an area of focus	Complete and document in a portfolio specific to an area of focus
Portfolio	Based on the field experience, or a topic related to an area of focus	Based on the field experience, or a topic related to an area of focus	Based on the field experience, or a topic related to an area of focus

I am interested in pursuing the following Diploma with Honors:

____ STEM

____ Arts

____ Social Science/Civic Engagement

During the meeting mentioned above, it will be determined which of the following the student will complete in order to earn the diploma. Remember, students must complete all but one criteria, including GPA and Test standards.

____ Math

____ Science

____ Social Studies

____ World Languages

____ Fine Arts

____ Electives

____ Field Experience

____ Portfolio

HONORS DIPLOMA CHECKLIST

This page is to be kept by the Guidance Office and completed as student finalizes requirements for the Diploma with Honors.

Student Name _____

Diploma with Honors sought STEM Arts Social Studies/Civic Engagement

To be completed by Counselor or Administrator

Criteria Met (must complete all but one).

GPA

ACT/SAT test score

Math credits

Social Studies credits

World Languages credits

Fine Arts credits

Electives

Field Experience

Portfolio

Criteria for Diploma with Honors met