

Evaluation Services

College Preparatory Studies Certificate

The College Preparatory Studies Certificate is not a high school diploma, but is given in addition to the high school diploma, to recognize outstanding academic achievement by a high school graduate. To seek to earn the certificate is completely voluntary on the part of an individual student. While the certificate is designed to serve as an incentive for college-bound students, students who do not plan to enter college may elect to seek to earn the certificate.

To be eligible for the College Preparatory Studies Certificate, a student shall:

1. Complete a rigorous high school program cooperatively planned by the school, the student, and the student’s parents, which include at least the following:

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Units</u>
English/Language Arts	4*
Mathematics	3*
Science	3*
Social Studies	3*
Fine Arts	1
Practical Arts	1
Physical Education	1
Electives	5
Units in Foreign Language	3

and/or additional advanced courses from
 * areas and/or advanced vocational technical courses. The State Board of Education strongly recommends at least two units of the same foreign language.

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2. Specific course requirements in the above areas shall be in accord with Missouri DESE and local district requirements.
3. Earn at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA), on a 4.0 GPA scale, in the combined subject areas of English/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. The school may calculate the GPA’s for its students either at the end of the seventh semester or at the end of the eighth semester of high school.
4. Score above the national average on the American College Test (ACT) or above the national average on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Ref: Missouri DESE College Preparatory Studies Certificate Guidelines