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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
The graduation requirements are 64 trimester credits accumulated

- 12 trimester credits of English
- 9 trimester credits of science
- 10 trimester credits of social studies
- 9 trimester credits of mathematics
- 3 trimester credits of arts
- 2 trimester credits of phy.ed./health
- 19 trimester credits of electives

Successful completion of Advisory
MCA State test in Reading and Writing

GRADING SYSTEM
The traditional A, B, C, D, F system is used with a 4-point GPA computed cumulatively on a trimester basis. “Plus” grades equal .33 more than the letter grade, except for A+, which is not used. “Minus” grades equal .33 less than the letter grade. Grades which have no points are NC = No Credit, NG = No Grade, and I = Incomplete. Grades for ALP, IB and AP courses in which the student earns a C or better are weighted with an additional .34 honor points. Students earn a P (Pass) or I (Incomplete) in Advisory but it has no credit value. Academic grades are determined using a standards-based grading system which reports how well the student learned the course standards. Grades are based on academic factors only; non-academic factors such as attendance, behavior, effort, and responsibility are not factored into grades.

POST HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY
The most recent follow up sample survey revealed the following post-secondary activities:

- 4-year college ................................................. 48%
- 2-year college .................................................37%
- Military ......................................................... 4%
- Work Force ....................................................... 4%
- Other ............................................................... 7%

The Class of 2016 attended a variety of post-secondary institutions including Columbia College, Arizona State University, Howard University, South Dakota State University, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, University of North Dakota, St. John’s University, St. Olaf College, Concordia University, Hamline University, College of Saint Benedict, University of St. Thomas in addition to the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities among others.

CLASS RANK
Class rank is based on student grades in all credit-producing subjects grade 9-12. All students are included in class ranking. More than one student may have the same class rank. Weighted grading for AP, most IB, and ALP classes has been Board approved. Park Center reports both weighted and unweighted ranks and GPAs. For each AP, ALP, and most IB classes taken, the student’s GPA would increase by .33.

COURSE DESIGNATION
The following course designations appear on transcripts:

- ADJ: Adjusted curriculum
- ALP: Autonomous Learner Program is a special program for the gifted and talented
- AP: Advanced Placement classes in English and mathematics
- PSEO: College course completed under Minnesota State Enrollment Options Act for high school credit.
- HP: High performance, accelerated class which is more academically challenging than mainstream courses
- IB SL: International Baccalaureate—Standard Level
- IB HL: International Baccalaureate—High Level
- Independent Study: 60 hours of course work completed under teacher supervision but not in class setting
- Service Learning: Work completed in community agency under Park Center Coordinator’s direction
- Mentor Connection: Enriched independent study for gifted and talented learners
- OJT: Student work release program
- HTC: Hennepin Technical College

NOTE: A course number beginning with a “T” indicates a course completed out of district. A course number that begins with a “C” as part of the course number indicates a course earned at a College institution.

DEPARTMENT DESIGNATION
The following is an explanation of the department abbreviations used on the transcript.

- AR: Art
- BU: Business Education
- CP: Cooperative Education
- ELL: English Language Learner
- EN: English
- ES: ELL-English Language Learner
- LS: Family & Consumer Science
- MA: Math
- MU: Music
- PE: Physical Education/Health
- SC: Science
- SP: Special Education
- SS: Social Studies
- TE: Technology
- VT: Vocational
- WL: World Language

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