

POLICY

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DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Graduates are required to have:

1. Minimum graduation credit requirements for:
 - a. Special Education Students – 22 Credits
 - b. ESL Student – 22 Credits
 - c. Regular Education Students – 27 Credits

Special Education and ESL students may opt for a 22 or a 27 credit high school graduation program. For Special Education Students, this choice must be indicated and approved via the student's Individual Educational Plan prior to the student entering grade 11 unless the student transfers into Milford High School after that time. For ESL students, this choice must be approved by the student, his/her parent/guardian and the school counselor prior to the student entering grade 11 unless the student transfers into Milford High School after that time. Students exercising the 22 credit option are required to attend high school for four full years unless granted an early graduation waiver by the Superintendent.

For Senior Transfer Students, (24) twenty-four credits will be required for graduation. To qualify for this credit reduction, the senior transfer student may not have failed math, science, English or social studies during his/her high school career. Also, the student must have attended a school with a six-period day for three prior years. These students must attend Milford throughout their entire senior year.

Students with less than the 27 credits may not be considered for class honors at graduation nor can they hold a class rank in the top 25 % of the class.

2. English - 4 credits of required courses
3. Social Studies – 4 credits of required courses
4. Mathematics – 4 credits of required courses. Must be equivalent of Algebra II and one of four credits must be in the twelfth grade.

All students must pass

Algebra I and

Algebra II and

Geometry as a minimum

5. Science - 3 credits of required courses. Academic level requires 4 credits including Integrated Science 9, Integrated Science 10, and Chemistry/Physics. (Intermediate students will take Integrated Science 11.)
6. Physical Education - 1 credit of required courses

7. Health Education - 1/2 credit of required courses
8. Computer Literacy Skills (Central Academy Only)
All students must acquire computer literacy by taking the required vocational course.
9. Early College Admission Program
Students who are participating in a State program whereby they attend college full-time their last year in high school and receive Milford High School diploma credits for such college work will not be eligible for rank-in-class or allowed to receive Milford High School Senior Awards.
10. Minimum Enrollment
Students must attend high school, grades 9-12, at least four years.
A student who transfers must be enrolled his/her entire last semester and earn his/her last 4 credits at Milford High School to be eligible for a high school diploma or certificate of performance in May of the transfer year. Any exceptions must be approved by the Milford School Board.
11. Students are required to select a Career Pathway by the end of their freshman year. If one of the Pathways in the Agriscience, Technology or Business Clusters is selected, a minimum of 3 credits of sequenced pathway courses are required.
12. Course / Schedule changes: Students are required to take a challenging academic load for four years. Consequently, schedule changes may only be requested for academic and career choice reasons. Students may not be granted a change to drop an academic level, if the student is performing acceptably at the current level (a C or better with sufficient effort). In addition, students may not request a schedule or course change for personal reasons such as to be with friends. Honors Program students may drop out of the program, but may not re-enter this sequential program.
13. Senior Options: Seniors may only be released for one 90 minute block per semester for a senior option, unless they are taking more than one college course (one per block of released time). Students taking a college course are required to provide a copy of both written evidence of registration for the course and a final grade report. *Students performing volunteer service may only be released for one block.* Further, students may not be released from school to work unless they meet the requirements for a vocational program coop. Seniors are required to schedule a minimum of three full credit classes per semester at Milford High School,
Only those qualified seniors who have been approved by the school may be released for Coop for more than one block. unless they meet these criteria. Students must submit the approved written application for a Senior Option by the deadline established

by the school administration.

Transfer Students:

Students transferring to Milford High School from out of state or a private school, before the second semester of their junior year are required to choose a career pathway and complete a strand (an approved three-course sequence). If a student enters Milford High School from another Delaware High School and already has approved DE vocational courses on his/her transcript, those courses will count toward completion of a pathway.

Students transferring to Milford High School during the second semester of their junior year are required to choose a career pathway and complete at least two of three courses in a strand.

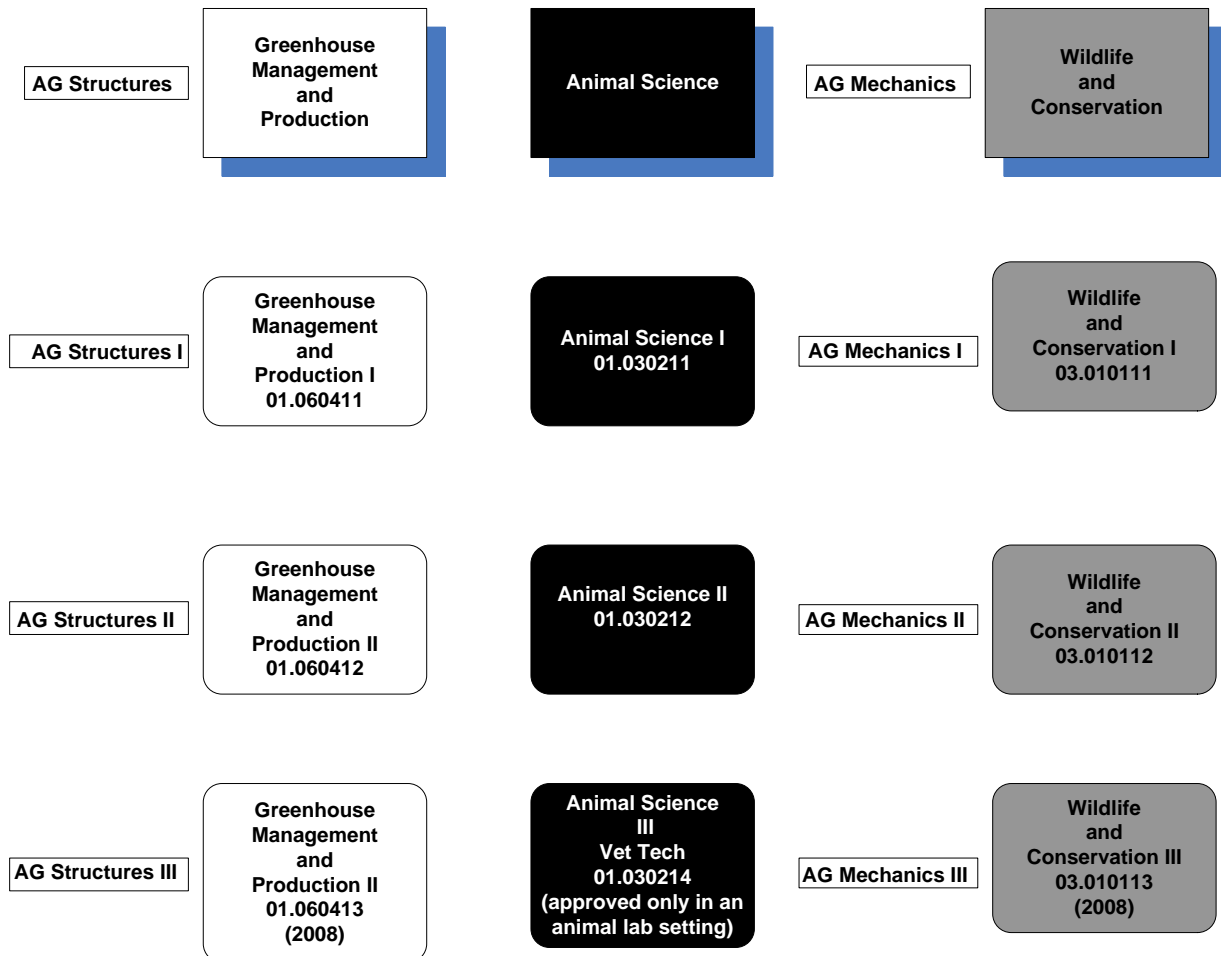
Students transferring to Milford High School after the first quarter of their senior year are required to choose a career pathway and complete at least one course in one of the strands.

Career Pathway requirements follow on the next four pages.

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Agri-Science Cluster



**Possible Fourth Level Courses: Agriscience Co-Op or Agriscience Study/Research
Students can also earn credits through Summer DE State Fair Projects (509 Funded)**



MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL
ARTS & SCIENCES
PATHWAY

Academic/Honors
English
(4 Credits)

Academic/Honors
Science
(4 Credits)

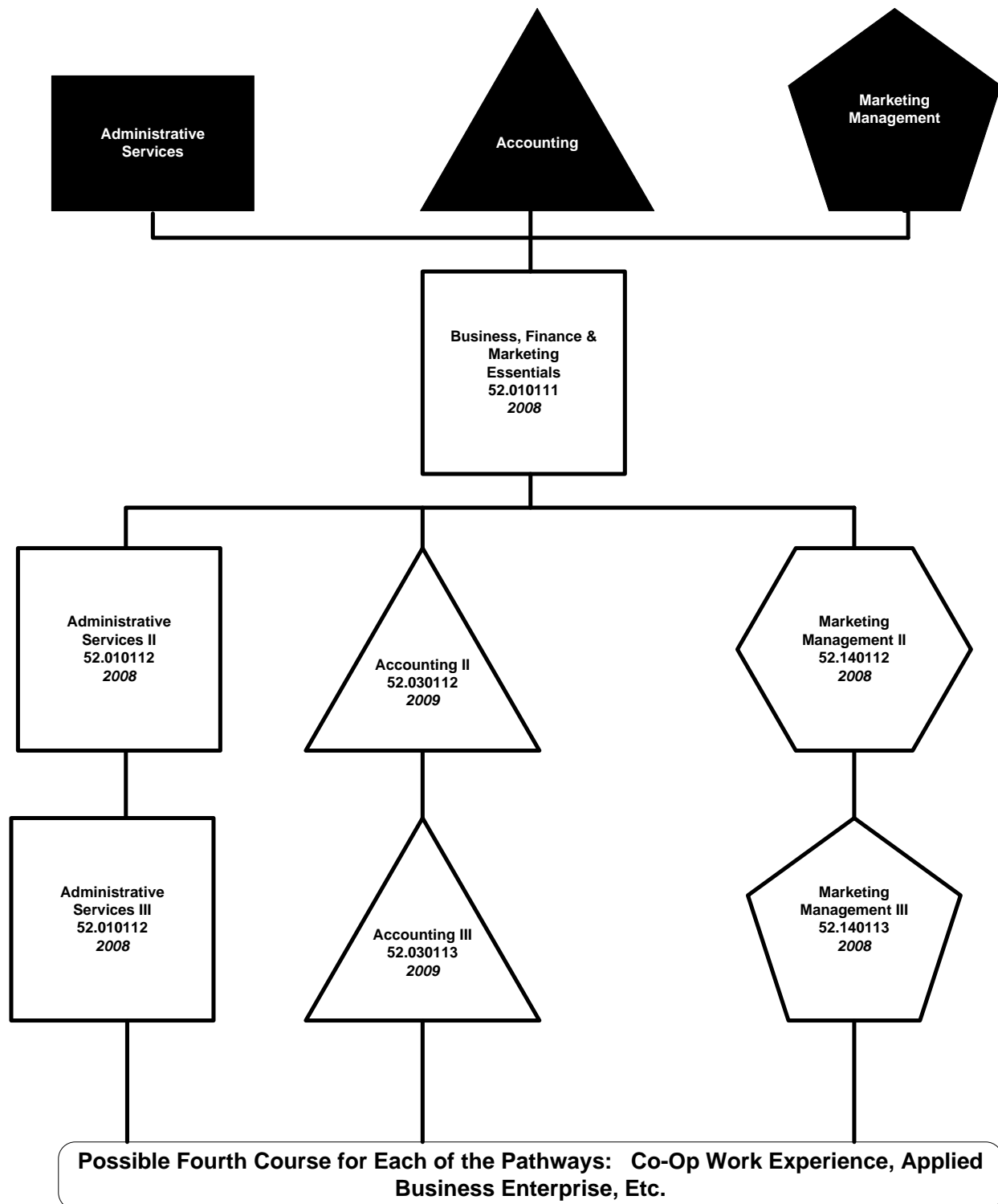
Academic/Honors
Mathematics
(4 Credits)

Academic/Honors
Social Studies
(4 Credits)

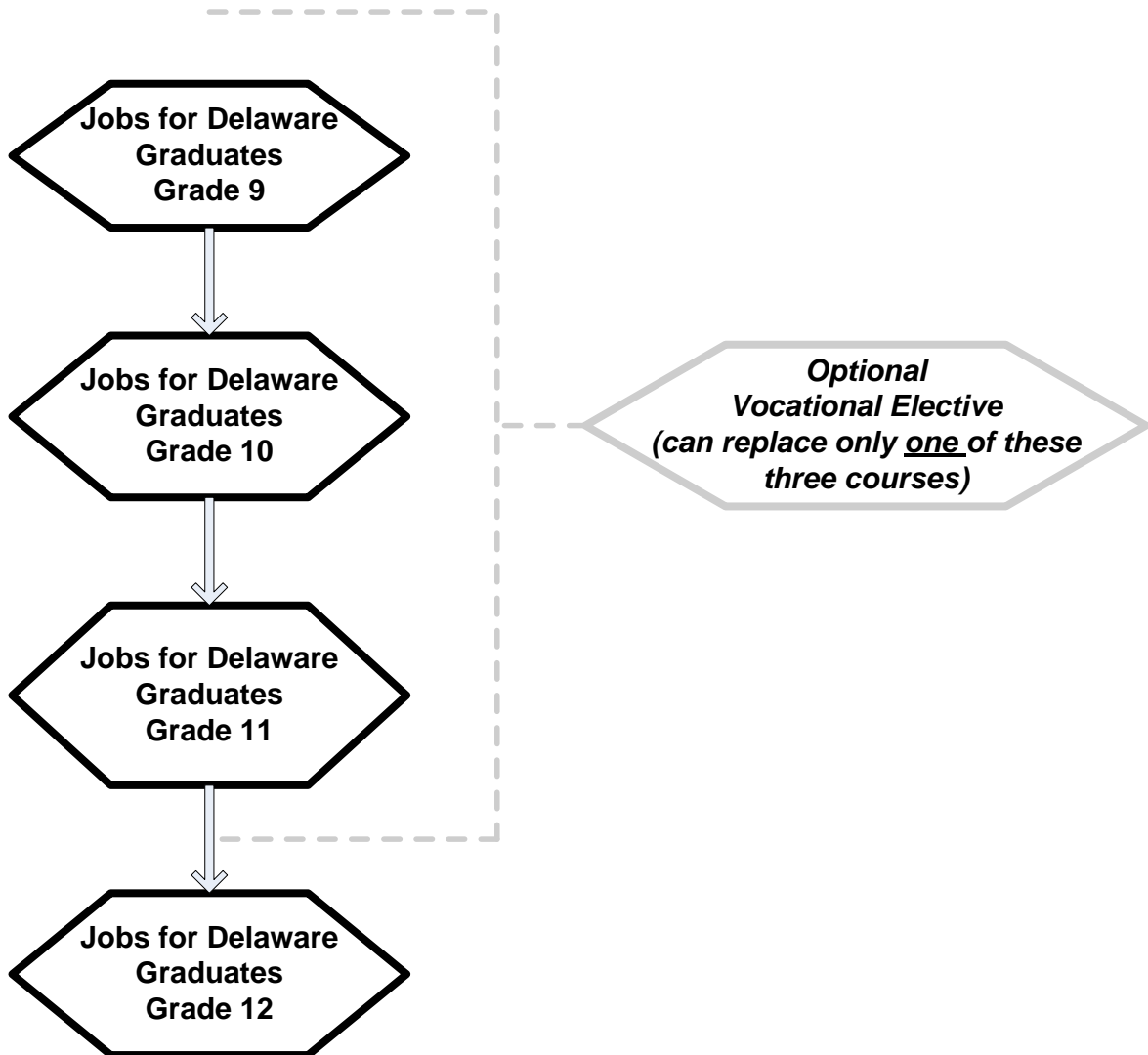
Foreign Language
(4 Credits)

Required Electives
Phys. Ed. (1 cr.)
Health ($\frac{3}{4}$ cr.)
Vocational (1 cr.)

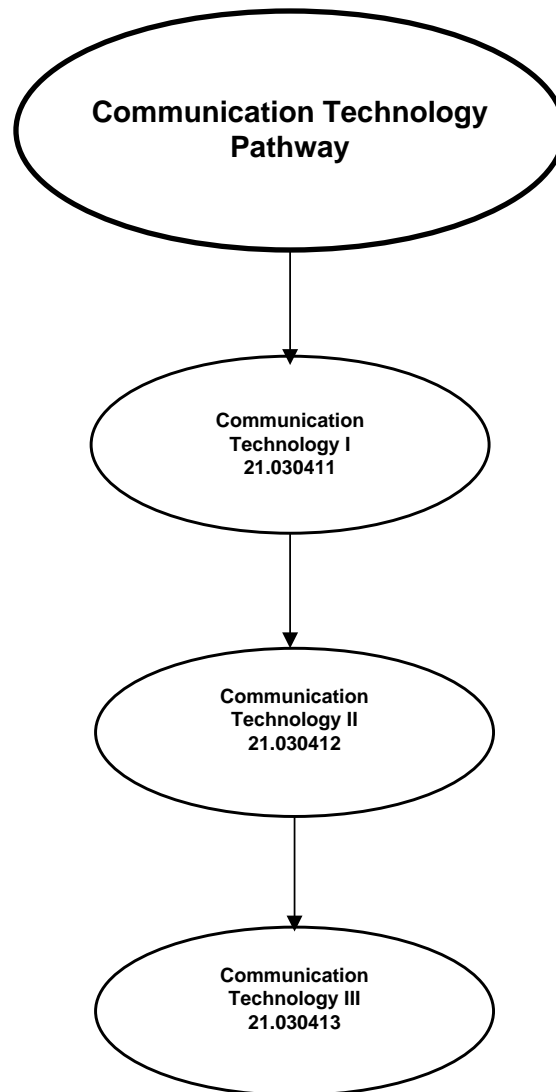
Business, Finance & Marketing Cluster



Jobs for Delaware Graduates Pathway

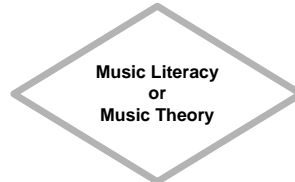
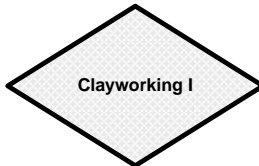
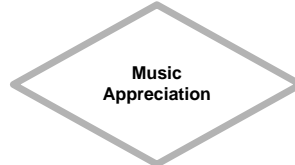
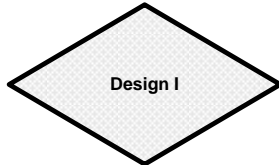
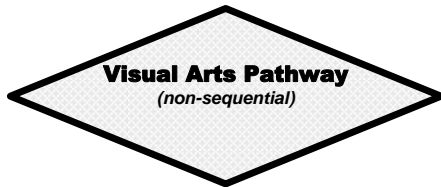


Technology Cluster



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Milford High School
Visual & Performing Arts Cluster



Elective Options
Design II, III & IV, Clayworking II, Advanced
Clayworking, Communication Technology II & III, and
Senior Portfolio

Elective Options
Jazz Band, Chamber Choir, Band Front and
Got Talent!

**HONORS PROGRAM
AT MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

The Honors Program is the highest academic challenge available in Kent and Sussex Counties. The purpose of the program is to provide the highest level of academic preparation for admission to and success at highly selective four-year colleges and universities. Designed around the honors courses, the student is required to complete all honors courses in at least one strand of the program. Students will follow the sequence of courses in English, Math, Social Studies or Science Strand(s). Honors Program students will be given preference in scheduling these courses.

Honors English 9	Honors Algebra II
Honors English 10	Honors Geometry
AP English 11 (Honors)	Honors PreCalculus
Honors English 12 (E110)	A.P. Calculus
Honors World History 9	A.P. Calculus Seminar
Honors Civics 10	Honors Biology 9
Advanced Placement American History 11 (including A.P. Seminar)	Honors Earth Science 10
AP Government	Intro to Honors Chemistry
Advanced Place. Spanish (elective)	AP Honors Chemistry
	Honors Physics 12
	Advanced Place. Spanish (elective)
	AP Statistics (elective Jr. year)

All 90-minute Honor and A.P. courses and seminars which follow 90-minute Honors and A.P. will be weighted for G.P.A.

Students are required to take the listed A.P. courses, seminars and the A.P. exams to remain in the program. If the fee for the exam is a financial problem for a student, he/she can apply to the Principal for assistance.

Selection: In addition to their Pathway selection, qualified students need to apply in eighth grade for acceptance in the Honors Program. Academic Challenge students may apply for only an honors strand in which they are not enrolled at Delaware Tech. The application process will include a student/parent application, a mathematics placement test, and an on-demand essay. Criteria for selection will include DSTP scores, placement test scores, essay score, and report card grades. The selection process will begin in May, and students will be notified of selection by July 1.

Program requirements: Students must maintain a B in all Honors Program courses to continue in the program. Progress reports and report card grades of a C or below are considered to be a warning regarding a student's status in the program. If a student receives a final grade of C in any Honors Program course, the student is dropped from the program, without further review.

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