

# Introduction & Overview of Merit Diplomas

## *Introduction*

To achieve the Merit Diploma in any specific department requires a more in depth program of study in the area of emphasis. Students may be eligible for merit status in more than one department. Students are recognized at the graduation ceremony for their extra effort.

A Merit Diploma awarded to students who fulfill the requirements for a Canyon View High School diploma, completion of the preauthorization form, along with additional qualifications per department. The student must maintain 90% attendance average each year, complete 40 hours of documented volunteer service, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

## *Overview of Department Requirements*

<b>Academic</b>	<b>Contact - Dept Chair Rep</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete 4 English credits</li><li>• Complete 3 Math credits</li><li>• Complete 3 Science credits with lab</li><li>• Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA in all course</li></ul>	
<b>Agricultural Science</b>	<b>Contact - Dept Chair Rep</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete 3 Agricultural classes</li><li>• Be a member of FFA</li><li>• Earn State FFA Degree</li></ul>	
<b>Art/Visual</b>	<b>Contact - Dept Chair Rep</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete 3 Art classes with 3.5 GPA</li><li>• Complete 1 advanced art class with 3.5 GPA</li><li>• Participate in 3 Art shows/competitions</li><li>• Participate in 1 extra curricular art related activity</li><li>• Prepare portfolio</li></ul>	
<b>Business &amp; Marketing</b>	<b>Contact - Dept Chair Rep</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete a total of 5 AT or IT business classes</li><li>• Be an active member of FBLA for at least two years</li><li>• Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA</li></ul>	

<b>Communications</b>	<b>Contact – Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Complete 2 years of Journalism and/or Yearbook
- Maintain a 4.0 GPA in their communications classes
- Complete a reflective Journalism and/or Yearbook portfolio of work samples

<b>CTE General</b>	<b>Contact – Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Complete a total of 6 classes in any CTE areas (Business, FACS, AG, Woods, Engineering)
- Be a member of FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, or Skills USA
- Submit a resume that includes Leadership, Service, and Academics
- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA

<b>Dance</b>	<b>Contact – Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Complete 2 dance classes
- Complete 1 advanced dance class
- Perform in 6 CVHS dance performances
- Participate in 1 extra curricular dance activity
- Prepare Resume

<b>Engineering Technology</b>	<b>Contact – Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Submit 2 letters of recommendation
- Complete 4 credits of CTE, with two (2) in Engineering Tech curriculum
- Maintain a 3.5 GPA, no lower than 3.7 in CTE courses
- Be a member of the Skills USA organization and attend one contest
- Score 80% or higher on CTE Skills Certification for Engineering or CADD technology.

<b>English</b>	<b>Contact – Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Complete 4 years of sequential English classes 9-12
- Maintain a 3.7 cumulative GPA in English
- Complete one Honors, AP, or concurrent enrollment English class
- Complete a portfolio of writing samples from English classes

<b>Family and Consumer Science</b>	<b>Contact – Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Complete any 4 Family and Consumer Science classes
- Maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA
- Be an active member of FCCLA for at least 2 years

<b>Foreign Language</b>	<b>Contact – Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Complete 3 years of a foreign language
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
  - Complete one of the following:
    - A. Attend and participate in the BYU language fair
    - B. Attend and participate in the SUU language fair
    - C. Join and participate in the CVHS Foreign Language Club a minimum of one year

<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Contact – Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Complete 4 years of sequential mathematics classes (excluding 1A or 1B Algebra)
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA in all mathematics classes
- Complete 1 year Calculus, College Prep, or Concurrent Enrollment Math greater than Math 1010
- Complete Senior project to be determined by the math department

<b>Music</b>	<b>Contact – Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Participate in 4 years of any combination of music ensembles
- Participate a minimum of 2 years in second ensemble
- Participate a minimum of 2 years at Region Solo and Ensemble (small group)
- Maintain an “A” average in all music classes
- Earn Honors citizenship in all music classes
- Attend all performances
- Create a Scrap Book/Memory book containing certificates, awards, etc.

<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>Contact – Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Complete a semester of PE credit all 4 years of high school (Excluding Athletics)
- Provide a signature from the coach for the sport played at CVHS
- Complete a resume of accomplishments in PE, including; Participation on an athletic team in at least one of the following sports each year; Swimming, Wrestling, Track, Baseball, Softball, Drill, and Cheer
- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA or better in all PE courses.

<b>Science</b>	<b>Contact – Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Complete 3 years of science from the following: Human Biology, Ag Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Concurrent courses
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA in each Science class

- Take one National Science AP test and pass with 80% or earn an 80% in a concurrent course, including lab
- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA

<b>Social Science</b>	<b>Contact - Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Maintain a 3.5 GPA in all Social Science classes
- Complete at least one AP or concurrent social studies course
- Complete and turn in a portfolio

<b>Theatre</b>	<b>Contact - Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Complete general Merit requirements
- Be a member of the International Thespian Society

<b>Woods/Trade &amp; Technology</b>	<b>Contact - Dept Chair Rep</b>
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- Complete Woodworking I and II and Furniture Design Manufacturing
- Maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA in all woodworking classes
- Be a member of Skills USA