**DHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Diploma of Distinction**

To receive the high school diploma of distinction presented by the School Board, students will be required to satisfactorily and fully complete a course of study that meets those requirements established by the State Board of Education and the district. Students will be required to complete a minimum of 24 credits\*, and distributed within the following subject areas:

1. English ..................................................................................................... **4 credits**
   1. English I --------------------------------------------------- 1 credit (2 semesters)
   2. English II -------------------------------------------------- 1 credit (2 semesters)
   3. American Lit. --------------------------------------------- 1 credit (1 semester)
   4. English Elective ------------------------------------------ 1 credit (2 semesters)
2. Health/ Physical Education............................................................. **1 credit** (2 semesters)
3. Mathematics ........................................................................................... **4 credits**
   1. Algebra I ---------------------------------------------------- 1 credit (2 semesters)
   2. Geometry--------------------------------------------------- 1 credits (2 semesters)
   3. Math Elective --------------------------------------------- 1 credit (2 semesters)
   4. Math Elective -------------------------------------------- - 1 credit (2 semesters)
4. Science ....................................................................................................... **4 credits**
   1. Physical Science ------------------------------------------- 1 credit (2 semesters)
   2. Biological Science ---------------------------------------- 1 credit (2 semesters)
   3. Science Elective -------------------------------------------- 1 credit (2 semesters)
   4. Science Elective -------------------------------------------- 1 credit (2 semesters)
5. Social Studies ......................................................................................... **4 credits**
   1. World Studies ---------------------------------------------- 1 credit (2 semesters)
   2. American Studies ----------------------------------------- 1 credit (2 semesters)
   3. Social Studies Elective ----------------------------------- 1 credit (2 semesters)
   4. Alaska Studies --------------------------------------------- .5 credit (1 semester)
   5. Contemporary Government Studies -------------------- .5 credit (1 semester) or,
      1. Contemporary Economic Studies -------------------- .5 credit (1 semester)
6. Career/Language Art
   1. Metals Elective -------------------------------------------- **2 credit** (4 semesters) or,
   2. Culinary Arts -------------------------------------------- **2 credit** (4 semesters) or,
   3. Foreign Language Elective --------------------------------- **2 credit** (4 semesters)
7. Electives ..................................................................................................... **5 credits**
8. **TOTAL ....................................................................................... 24 credits**

\* One-half (.5) credit is awarded for satisfactorily completing a required or elective course, which is one semester in length.