

EMHS Graduation Requirements:

As a college preparatory school, EMHS believes that **each** student should be exposed to a rigorous, academically challenging curriculum. Students are encouraged to take the appropriate level of each course based on pre-requisites, teacher recommendations, and individual interests.

Students interested in enrolling in two one-credit math classes at EMHS in the same year must have EMHS Math Department approval. A waiting list will be established for students who wish to double up in math. Requests for two math classes may not be granted due to a lack of space availability in the class. Preference will be given to seniors, then juniors, then sophomores and then freshmen. All juniors & seniors are required to enroll in a math class, even if they have earned their required four math credits. Students may enroll in Physics Honors in lieu of taking a senior year math class if they have earned their four math credits. Any exceptions must be approved by the Principal.

EMHS does not offer drivers' education. The drivers' education course must be taken through an accredited academic institution taught by a licensed teacher in order for academic credit to be awarded. All students must take high school health, even if they took the class in middle school.

Final spring grades from UNM and ENMU are not available until after the EMHS Graduation Ceremony. Therefore, a student may NOT use a dual credit course(s) from UNM or ENMU as a course to meet an EMHS Graduation Requirement. Dual credit grades from UNM or ENMU will not be used to calculate the GPA for valedictorian or salutatorian status.

In order for a student to participate in the Graduation Ceremony, he/she must have earned the required specific credits required for graduation, as well as have met all state assessment requirements. Additionally, a student must have the required number of community service hours on file in x2VOL. All students must wear a navy blue cap & gown during the EMHS Graduation Ceremony.

East Mountain High School offers an enhanced curriculum for seniors to provide them with a more robust and varied experience in the humanities. All seniors will enroll in the following:

Fall Term - In the fall, seniors will have the option of taking ENGL 1110 (Composition I) or ENGL 1120 (Composition II). To be considered for ENGL 1120, students must submit an application to the humanities department and have credit for ENGL 1110 (either through a minimum score of 3 on the AP English Language & Composition Exam or a grade of C or better in ENGL 1110).

Additionally, *all* seniors will be enrolled in a full term US Government class in the fall. AP US Government & Politics will still be available for those interested in applying, but the "regular" track now includes a full term of US Government. Moreover, Government *will not* be offered in the spring term--seniors planning to graduate on time will need to pass US Government in the fall to avoid compromising their graduation date.

Spring Term - In the spring, seniors may satisfy their second English requirement by taking one of three classes offered on the EMHS campus by EMHS teachers:

- ENGL 1410 (Introduction to Literature)
- ENGL 2320 (Introduction to Fiction Writing)
- PHIL 1120 (Logic, Reasoning & Critical Thinking)

This is intended to provide seniors with some flexibility in how they round out their senior year, and to select course work that aligns with their interests in high school and after they graduate.

Additionally, *all* seniors will be enrolled in a "Senior Seminar" class, a 0.5 credit required course that will help them coordinate their job shadow experience, senior exhibition, and other graduation and career readiness requirements. The second half of the course will be a 0.5 credit Economics class, which is also required for graduation. The structure of these two classes will resemble the split class model that we use in the 10th grade for Health and College Success, although the content will obviously be quite different.

Students seeking an honors or AP track are still required to submit the appropriate application materials on or before the due date identified in the EMHS Course Catalog.

Students are required to earn 28 specific credits (Classes of 2021 & 2022) or 28.5 specific credits (Class of 2023) or 29 specific credits (Classes of 2024 & beyond) for graduation and meet all state testing requirements. There are two diploma types: the Standard Diploma and the Timberwolf Diploma of Excellence. In order to earn the **Timberwolf Diploma of Excellence**, a student must also fulfill the following:

- Earn two electives in one subject area over the minimum requirements (i.e. six math credits or three fine arts credits);
- Earn four credits in math, one of which is equivalent to Algebra 2 or higher;
- Receive a passing score on the New Mexico Graduation Assessment (PARCC/TAMELA/SAT for ELA and MATH, NMSBA Science/NMASR or alternate demonstration of competency as approved by NM PED); and
- Have experience taking a career, workforce, distance learning, honors, Advanced Placement or college course.

EMHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		
HUMANITIES (ENGLISH & HISTORY)	10 credits	Grade 9: 1 credit = English 9 <i>and</i> 1 credit = New Mexico History & Research Skills
		Grade 10: 1 credit = English 10 <i>and</i> 1 credit = Modern World History
		Grade 11: 1 credit = English 11 <i>and</i> 1 credit = US History
		Grade 12: 2 credits = English 12, 1 credit = US Government, 0.5 credit = Economics <i>and</i> 0.5 credit = Senior Seminar
MATHEMATICS	4 credits	1 credit = Algebra 2 or higher
SCIENCE	4 credits	1 credit = Physical Science 1 credit = Biology 2 credits = Environmental Science Honors (<i>or Chemistry and Physics with the Environmental Science Waiver</i>)
FINE ARTS	1 credit	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1 credit	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	2 credits	In the same language. Must be taken in consecutive terms.
HEALTH	0.5 credit	Satisfied by required high school Health class in 10 th grade
COLLEGE SUCCESS	1 credit	Elective credit satisfied by required College Success class in 10 th grade
DISCOVERY PROJECTS	1 credit (Classes of 2021, 2022 & 2023)	Elective credits satisfied by required Discovery Projects in the 9 th , 10 th and/or 11 th grades
	1.5 credits (Classes of 2024 & beyond)	
ELECTIVES	3.5 credits (Classes of 2021 & 2022)	The Timberwolf Diploma of Excellence Diploma includes two credits in a subject area of the student's choice in addition to the required courses. <i>Additional courses may be fulfilled at EMHS, through dual credit, or an academic internship.</i>
	4 credits (Class of 2023 & beyond)	
COMMUNITY SERVICE		20 hours are required each year, for a total of at least 80 hours
STATE REQUIREMENTS		Pass state graduation requirements in reading, math, writing, history, and science
TOTAL: 28 credits (Classes of 2021 & 2022) / 28.5 credits (Class of 2023) / 29 credits (Classes of 2024 +)		