



Elective Focus Pathway

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In accordance with State of Tennessee Board of Education policy, "Students must complete three (3) credits in an elective focus. All students will pursue a focused program of study designed to prepare them for the workforce and postsecondary study. The intent of the elective focus is to provide students with an opportunity to explore a particular academic area in greater depth.

The elective focus may be CTE, science and math, humanities, fine arts, AP/IB, or other areas approved by the local board of education. Students completing a CTE elective focus must complete three (3) credits in the same CTE career cluster or state-approved program of study.

Schools should make every effort to ensure that all students complete a state or locally approved elective focus; however, schools may waive the elective focus requirement for those students who transfer during the junior or senior year to a Tennessee high school from a school in another state or from a non-public school, if the completion of the elective focus would prevent or delay graduation.

Students who begin an elective focus in a Tennessee high school and transfer during the junior or senior year to another Tennessee high school may, with the permission of the Director of Schools, have the elective focus requirement waived if the receiving school does not offer the same elective focus area and is unable to offer related coursework to complete a state or locally approved focus area, or if the completion of the elective focus would prevent or delay graduation."

MNPS offers the following elective focus pathways to meet the graduation requirements established by the State of Tennessee Board of Education:

1. Advanced Academics (to include dual enrollment (DE), dual credit (DC), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge (AICE), and School for Science and Math at Vanderbilt (SSMV))
2. Career and Technical Education (CTE)
3. Science and Mathematics
4. Humanities
5. Fine Arts
6. Interdisciplinary Studies*
7. Intervention* (Tier III only – Math and ELA)

*These pathways are MNPS-specific and must be approved for each student seeking to graduate with this elective focus in accordance with the guidance set forth by the Director of Schools.

References/Authority

TN State Board Policy – High School Policy,2.103.1.q

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