

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF MERIT

The requirements listed below have been adopted for the Award of Merit. This certificate will be awarded by the State Board of Education to all those who meet the criteria specified in **A and C** or **B and C** below.

NOTE: Courses completed prior to ninth grade, taught by a teacher licensed to teach high school, and recognized as high school level work by the local school district board of education. Courses that are part of the Post Secondary Education Options Program also apply to the criteria for the Award of Merit.

A. *College Prep Requirements* – complete the following minimum requirements:

1. English – 4 units (May include 1 unit of fundamentals of speech.)
2. Mathematics – 3 units (Must include 1 unit of algebra and 1 unit of geometry.)
3. Science – 3 units (Must include 2 units from among biology, chemistry and physics.)
4. Social Studies – 3 units (Must include 2 units of history and 1/2 unit of civics or government.)
5. Foreign Language – 3 units (Must include no less than 2 units of any language for which credit is sought i.e., 3 units of one language or 2 units each of two languages.)
6. Complete 2 units from one or more of the following, or 2 additional units from one or more of the areas listed A.1 through A.5 above.
 - a. Business
 - b. Computer Science
 - c. Visual or Performing Arts

B. *Career-Technical Curriculum Requirements*

1. Complete a career technical occupational preparation program
2. Complete the following curriculum requirements
 - a. English – 4 units
 - b. Mathematics – 3 units
 - c. Science – 3 units
 - d. Social Studies – 3 units

Applied academic credits earned via career-technical education shall apply to the criteria for the Award of Merit.

3. Complete two units from one or more of the following, or two additional units from one or more of the areas listed in B.2 above.
 - a. Business
 - b. Computer Science
 - c. Foreign Language
 - d. Visual or Performing Arts

C. *Performance Criteria (applies to both curricula)*

1. Maintain above average attendance for grades nine through 12 (compared to a rolling four-year state average). For 2009, the four-year state average is 94.20 percent attendance.
2. Demonstrate outstanding achievement in the curriculum as evidenced by one of the following: earning the equivalent of an overall grade point average of 3.25 on a four point scale for grades nine through 12; earning the equivalent of an overall grade point average of 3.5 on a four point scale for grades 11 and 12; or ranking in the top 25 percent of the class, whichever is more inclusive.
3. Participate in co-curricular, extracurricular or community activities in accordance with procedures established by the district board of education.
4. Demonstrate outstanding citizenship/character traits in accordance with criteria established by the district board of education.

Award of Merit

CRITERIA EXPLANATION

COLLEGE PREP CURRICULUM

- English (4 credits) – May include one unit of fundamentals of speech.
- Math (3 credits) – Must include one credit of Algebra and one credit of Geometry.
- Science (3 credits) – Must include two credits from among biology, chemistry and physics.
- Social Studies (3 credits) – Must include two credits of history and ½ credit of government/civics.
- Foreign Language (3 credits) – Must include no less than two credits of any one language.
- Additional (2 credits) – Complete two credits from one or more of the following, or two additional credits from one or more of the areas listed above: Business, computer science, or visual or performing arts.

CAREER-TECHNICAL CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

- Complete a career technical occupational preparation program
- Complete the following curriculum requirements:
 - A. English – 4 units
 - B. Mathematics – 3 units
 - C. Science – 3 units
 - D. Social Studies – 3 unitsApplied academic credits earned via career-technical education shall apply to the criteria for the “Award of Merit.”
- Complete two units from one or more of the following, or two additional units from one or more of the areas listed in B.2 above.
 - A. Business
 - B. Computer Science
 - C. Foreign Language
 - D. Visual or Performing Arts

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA (APPLIES TO BOTH CURRICULA)

- Maintain above average attendance for grades nine through twelve (compared to a rolling four-year state average). *For 2007 the four-year state average is 94.32 percent attendance.*
- Demonstrate outstanding achievement in the curriculum as evidenced by one of the following: earning the equivalent of an overall grade point average of 3.25 on a four point scale for grades nine through twelve; earning the equivalent of an overall grade point average of 3.5 on a four point scale for grades eleven and twelve; or ranking in the top 25 percent of the class, whichever is more inclusive.
- Participate in co-curricular, extracurricular or community activities in accordance with procedures established by the district board of education.
- Demonstrate outstanding citizenship/character traits in accordance with criteria established by the district board of education.

HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

- Participation of two (2) years in either a school or a community activity, or a combination of both. Participation may be in one activity for two years, or in two different activities for one year each.
- Community activity must include a minimum of 25 hours participation in one year.
- No work or paid activity may be counted toward this requirement.

OUTSTANDING CHARACTER TRAITS:

- The student must demonstrate outstanding citizenship/character traits in accordance with the following criteria:
- Obtain the signatures of three (3) adults, two of which must be faculty members who have instructed the student.
 - The student shall not have a criminal record.

THE STUDENT MUST MEET THE CRITERIA IN ALL FOUR (4) AREAS IN ORDER TO BE AWARDED THE “AWARD OF MERIT”.

MILLERSPORT HIGH SCHOOL
APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF MERIT

NAME _____

The requirements listed below have been adopted for the "Award of Merit". This certificate will be awarded by the State Board of Education to all those who meet the criteria.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA IS LISTED ON BACK

COLLEGE PREP CURRICULUM

(Specific course requirements on back)

1. English – 4 credits
2. Math – 3 credits
3. Science – 3 credits
4. Social Studies – 3 credits
5. Foreign Language – 3 credits
6. Additional – 2 credits

COUNSELOR SIGNATURE

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Participate for two (2) years in either a school or community activity, or a combination of both.

ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY ADVISOR SIGNATURE

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PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

1. Maintain above average attendance.
2. Demonstrate outstanding classroom achievement.

COUNSELOR SIGNATURE

OUTSTANDING CHARACTER TRAITS

Student is required to obtain the endorsement signature of three (3) adults, two of which must be faculty members who have instructed the student.

FACULTY SIGNATURE

FACULTY SIGNATURE

ENDORSEMENT SIGNATURE

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Student Signature _____ Date _____

Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____