E.L. Haynes Graduation Requirements

Every E.L. Haynes student of every race, socioeconomic status, and home language will reach high levels of academic achievement and be prepared to succeed at the college of his or her choice. Every E.L. Haynes student will be adept at mathematical reasoning, will use scientific methods effectively to frame and solve problems, and will develop the lifelong skills needed to be successful individuals, active community members and responsible citizens.

The graduation requirements of E.L. Haynes High School are in concert with those maintained by the District of Columbia with additional requirements as established by the E.L. Haynes instructional leadership. Students must earn at least twenty-four (24) credits to graduate. One-semester classes generally receive 0.5 credits and two semester classes (e.g. English or Math) generally receive 1.0 credit.

At least two (2) of the twenty-four credits for graduation must be College Level or Career Preparatory courses. These courses are noted in the course descriptions.

The credit distribution is as follows:

Subject Area	Requirements	Total Credits
English	Four (4.0) core credits	4
Math	Four (4.0) core credits including Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II**	4
Science	Four (4.0) core credits including Physics, Chemistry, and Biology	4
Social Studies	Four (4.0) core credits including World History, U.S. History, D.C. History, and Government	4
Art	One half (.5) credit	.5
Electives	Three and one-half (3.5) credits***	3.5
Health & Fitness	One and one-half (1.5) credits	1.5
Music	One half (.5) credit	.5
World Language	Two (2.0) credits	2
TOTAL		24

*Students who entered 9th grade in 2013-2014 or before may demonstrate competency in Algebra I through completion of an Algebra I course OR successful completion of both E.L. Haynes Geometry and E.L. Haynes Physics courses which incorporate the Algebra I Common Core standards
**All courses for Mathematics credit must be at least as difficult as Algebra I.
*** Credits earned over the minimum in other areas can be applied to the elective requirements.

In addition to the course requirements, all students are required to successfully complete **one hundred (100) hours** of School-approved community service by graduation. Students must submit documentation of community service to the registrar to be tracked for graduation.

Please note that not all courses are offered each year when planning your graduation path.