



**The mission of Hunter High School
is to provide a safe and positive learning environment
where each student can succeed
in a global society.**

INTRODUCTION

Hunter High School has developed recognition programs for students who achieve excellence. Students with a minimum 3.0 GPA and 3.0 CPA, and have at least two (2) areas of distinction within the school curriculum where they meet the qualifications, are eligible for a **Diploma of Merit**. Each Department within Hunter High School offers **Departmental Letters** for students who have achieved a high level of success within the Department.

The requirement for the **Diploma of Merit** and **Departmental Letters** are on the following pages. It is highly recommended that students, as incoming Sophomores, study the requirements for the areas of study for which they are most interested. Students should meet with their counselor to develop an educational plan (SEOP) which includes courses the student must take to qualify for the **Diploma of Merit**.

DIPLOMA OF MERIT CRITERIA

Hunter High School Diploma of Merit will be awarded to students who meet the following requirements.

1. Complete 27 academic credits for the Hunter High School Diploma.
2. No more than three (3) credits are allowed from an alternative source such as community education or PM alternative. Only one (1) of three (3) credits may be from a home study program. An exception to the three (3) credit rule would be classes taken from a college or university concurrent enrollment program
3. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and maintain a cumulative 3.0 CPA.
4. Students must earn distinction in two or more areas.

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ACADEMIC LETTER

1. Students may qualify for an academic letter by enrolling in at least 12 academic credits during three (3) consecutive quarters in an academic school year. (terms 1,2,3, or 2,3,4).
2. Students must earn a 3.7 adjusted GPA and a 3.5 CPA each term. Honors, concurrent enrollment, and AP classes are given extra points. (See “Academic Letter Application” for additional information.)
3. Academic classes are those classes for which a student may receive English, Mathematics, Foreign Language, Science or Social Studies credit as well as any AP class.
4. Students may receive no 0’s and no more than two 1’s in citizenship during the three consecutive terms.

ART DEPARTMENT

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Take at least seven (7) semesters of Visual Art Classes and maintain at least a 3.5 GPA.
2. Demonstrate proficiency and growth in at least 3 mediums or disciplines.
3. Complete three (3) Concurrent Enrollment or one (1) AP Class.
4. Attain either a Blue or Silver departmental letter.
5. Complete a least four (4) Curriculum Enhancements:
 1. Worked as a T.A. (Teachers signature required).
 2. Have published your artwork (Posters, invitations, etc.).
 3. Participated in designing and painting stagesets.
 4. Applied for an art related scholarship.
 5. Have exhibited in art exhibits outside of Hunter High.
 6. Attended three (3) Art Museum/Gallery exhibits.
 7. Other _____.

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERING

BLUE LETTER

1. A prior approved visual enhancement project for permanent display in the Hunter High School Building.
2. A portfolio with 12-18 works, demonstrating growth in art skills.
3. One service project - does not have to be related to art.
4. Participation in four (4) art exhibitions.
4. Academic and citizenship eligibility.

SILVER LETTER

1. A portfolio with 8-12 works, demonstrating growth in art skills.
2. Completion of three advanced art classes.
3. Participation in three (3) art exhibitions.
4. Academic and citizenship eligibility.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

Earn a Departmental Letter of Business for two (2) years
One additional Business or Marketing class to make a total of four (4)
Business or Marketing classes taken during high school.
3.5. Cumulative GPA in Business Classes, 3.0 overall, 3.0 CPA
Active member of FBLA or DECA (75%) attendance at all activities.
Participate in Region and State FBLA or DECA Competition.
One of the following:
Place at Region or State FBLA or DECA competition.
Serve as a FBLA or DECA Officer.
Business Sterling Scholar.
Internship in a Business-related position.
Attend Utah Business Week (apply during junior year).
Chairperson of a Service Project.
Write a Business plan and enter DECA competition.

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERING

Sophomores

_____ One Business or Marketing class per year.
3.5 GPA in Business Class. 2.5 GPA / 3.0 CPA overall
Active member of FBLA or DECA. 75% attendance at all activities.
Participate in Region or State FBLA or DECA competition.

Juniors

_____ One Business or Marketing class per year.
3.5 GPA in Business Class, 3.0 GPA / 3.0 CPA overall.
Active member of FBLA or DECA. 75% attendance at all
activities.
Participate in Region and State FBLA or DECA competition.

Seniors

_____ One Business or Marketing class per year.
3.5 GPA in Business class. 3.0 GPA / 3.0 CPA overall
Active member of FBLA or DECA. 75% attendance at all activities.
Participate in Region and State FBLA or DECA competition.

COLLEGE PREP / ACADEMICS

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better and an ACT score of 24 or better.
2. Two years of a foreign language (the same language taken during grades 7-12).
3. Three years of science. At least two (2) years selected from biology, chemistry, and physics (one must be a laboratory experience), and a third course from among other approved district science courses.
4. Three years mathematics, selected from: Secondary Math 1, Secondary Math 2, Secondary Math 3, Advanced Concurrent Enrollment, or Calculus.
5. At least 50% of course work must be from the following subjects: mathematics, science, English, foreign language, social studies, or any AP level course.
6. Meet all requirements (including CPA) for a Hunter High School Diploma.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

Students who wish to qualify for distinction in English must submit the completed application which includes the following:

1. A transcript which indicates the student has completed six (6) semesters (9th grade may be included) of advanced courses in English, including AP English, Honors English, Humanities CC and/or English Composition CC.
2. A transcript which shows that the student has maintained a minimum cumulative 3.7 GPA and a 3.0 CPA in all English courses.
3. Proof that the student has passed the ACT with a score of 20 or higher in English (or a comparable score on the PSAT).
4. Proof that the student has published his/her writing in a school publication or in other publications out of school.

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERING

Students who wish to qualify for an academic letter in English must submit the completed application which includes the following:

1. A transcript which indicates the student has completed four semesters of advanced courses in English, including AP English, Honors English, Humanities CC, and/or English Composition CC.
2. A transcript which also indicates that the student has maintained a minimum cumulative 3.7 GPA and 3.0 CPA in all English courses.
3. Proof that the student has published his/her writing in a school publication or in other publications out of school.
4. A portfolio which shows quality writing and/or service on any of the three school publications, i.e. the yearbook, the newspaper, or the literary magazine.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE DEPT.

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Minimum of three (3) credits earned in FACS classes; Foods, Food Service, Clothing, Interior Design, Advanced Interior Design, Child Development, Child Care, Life Management and Adult Roles. One (1) class must be an advanced level class. Students may not repeat a class to meet this requirement.
2. Must earn 0.5 (1/2) credit in Adult Roles or Life Management.
3. A Utah State competency test certificate must be awarded in one of the classes offering the test.
4. Maintain a 3.0 GPA and 3.0 CPA in all FACS classes.
5. Be an affiliated member of FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America).

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERING

1. Maintain a 3.0 GPA and 3.0 CPA in all FACS classes.
2. Student must demonstrate the application of acquired skills through completion of special project(s) or activities such as field work, volunteering, portfolio, etc.

HEALTH SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Students must successfully complete at least two (2) of the following classes; Introduction to Health Science and Technology, Medical Terminology, Nursing Assisting, Advanced Nursing/Home Health Aide, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting and Emergency Medical Technician.
2. Certificate of Competency must be earned in each class.
3. Minimum of a 3.0 GPA and 3.0 CPA in Health Science classes.

JOURNALISM

YEARBOOK - LEGACY

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Student must have served at least one (1) year as an editor.
2. Student must have been a member of the *Legacy* staff for at least two (2) years.
3. Student must have a cumulative 4.0 GPA and CPA in all publication classes.
4. Student must have received a publications departmental letter in at least one of his/her two (2) years.

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERING

1. Student must be a member of the *Legacy* staff for a minimum of three (3) successive terms.
2. Student must have received a “A” or “A-” in all Publication classes and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5.
3. Student must have maintained a 4.0 CPA in all Publication classes and maintained a cumulative 3.0 GPA.
4. Student must be in good standing as a staff member or editor and have met all deadlines.
5. Student must uphold all parts of the staff/parent/advisor agreement.

MEDIA PRODUCTIONS - X WORKS

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Student must maintain an overall 3.0 GPA and 3.0 CPA.
2. Student must have completed two (2) years of Media Productions, one year as a senior.
3. Student must maintain a 4.0 GPA and 4.0 CPA in all Media Production classes.
4. Student must complete two (2) quality news stories, two (2) quality documentaries, two (2) quality film stories, and/or a combination of approved projects that follow the guidelines set forth in the class.
5. Must be a **creative** force within the Media Production classes and contribute to the success of the program’s effort to enhance the *spirit* of Hunter High School
5. Student must enter at least two (2) pieces into an outside publication.
6. Student must attend at least one (1) outside workshop or writ-

ing conference. (both years)

7. Student must complete forty (40) pages of their personal magazine (10 pages per semester).
8. Student must maintain a 4.0 GPA and CPA every quarter in Literary Magazine class.

LITERARY MAGAZINE

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Student must be on magazine staff for minimum of two (2) years.
2. Student must attend and be involved with the planning of these three main school activities: Christmas Program for English classes, Hunter High School Writing Festival and the Literacy Magazine Stomp. (both years)
3. Student must hold and maintain a leadership position on the magazine staff.
4. Student must have at least two (2) of their pieces accepted into the Hunter High School Literary Magazine.

NEWSPAPER - BLUEPRINT

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

Students must accumulate 100 points

1. Editor in Chief for one school year25
2. Managing Editor for one school year20
(Section/Business)
3. Section (Page) Editor for one school year20
4. Layout Editor for one school year20
5. Copy Editor for one school year15
6. English Sterling Scholar25
7. Layout one page 5
8. "A" both terms (good both semesters) 5
9. 4.0 citizenship both terms (good both semesters) 5
10. Meeting all quotas and deadlines for 1 semester .15
11. Piece published in professional publication 10
12. Research project10
13. Attend BYU conference..... 5
14. Attend U of U conference

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Take a mathematics class grades 9th thru 12th or successfully complete calculus.
2. Complete mathematics courses through at least Pre-Calculus.
3. Maintain a cumulative 3.3 GPA and 3.0 CPA or higher in all mathematics courses.
4. Achieve at least 22 on the mathematics portion of the ACT.

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERING

1. Take a mathematics class grades 9th thru 12th or successfully complete calculus.
2. Complete mathematics courses through at least Pre-Calculus.
3. Maintain a cumulative 3.3 GPA and 3.0 CPA or higher in all mathematics courses.
4. Achieve at least 22 on the mathematics portion of the ACT.

Process: In the spring of senior year (deadline will be announced) students will complete an application with a copy of their transcript and submit it to the department chair.

Additional Requirements: Approval is needed from the mathematics department. (A committee will be formed from mathematics teachers at Hunter High School and will chose qualified participants).

PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

DANCE

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Participate in a District or State Concert or Competition for at least two (2) years.
2. Participate in a Dance Concert or Festival for at least two (2) years.
3. Receive a Letter in Dance for at least two (2) years.

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERING

1. Two professional level Concert Critiques; typed, 1-2 pages in length, with verification attached (ticket and/or program).
2. Choreograph a dance and have your choreography performed by members of your Dance team.
3. Remain a member in good standing (non-probation status) from 3rd quarter of the audition year through the year of Dance team participation.
4. 80% or higher attendance/participation.

MUSIC

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

A Diploma of Merit can be earned when the qualifications for the Music letter (see following criteria) have been met for all three years of high school.

DEPARTMENTAL LETTER

A music letter can be earned on an annual basis when the following criteria are met.

1. Maintain a 3.5 GPA and 3.0 CPA in all music classes.
2. Participate in a major performing group such as Band, Orchestra or Choir for the entire year.
3. Participate in the Region Solo and Ensemble Festival as a soloist or ensemble member.
4. Participate in a minimum of two (2) extra music activities during the school year such as; School Musical, Pep Band, All State, Granite Youth Symphony, other honors group, private music study (minimum one (1) semester).
5. Participate in ALL school concerts, Region and State Festivals (when qualified).

6. Attend minimum of one (1) music concert per term, related to the class in which you are enrolled. Write a “Concert Review” of the performance and submit it to the instructor.
7. Student must exhibit exemplary conduct during rehearsals demonstrated by a positive influence on others, music and instrument present for rehearsals, good posture, no food, gum, drinks in class and consistent self-discipline.

THEATRE - DRAMA

DIPLOMA OF MERIT - SCARLET LETTER

1. Complete two and one-half (2 1/2) years of theatre classes.
2. Maintain a 3.5 GPA in theater classes.
3. Perform in a minimum of two (2) school musicals.
4. Direct, co-direct, or act as musical director for a student production.
5. Compete twice at a **Region** competition.
6. Compete one time at a **State** competition.
7. Complete all requirements for a gold and standard letter.
8. Current member of International Thespian Society.
9. Earn a total 300 additional hours.

GOLD LETTER

1. Complete the requirements for a standard letter
2. Compete in two (2) Region drama competitions
3. Perform in a full-length play or musical at Hunter High School or community theater.
4. Perform in one (1) One Act Play Festival, performing one of the leads or directing.
5. Work as a technical assistant on a student production.
6. Attend one (1) Utah Theater Association Conference.
7. Earn a total of 210 additional hours.

STANDARD LETTER

1. Complete minimum of two (2) full years of theater classes in high school.
2. Maintain a 3.5 GPA and 3.5 CPA in theater classes.
3. Compete in one Region drama competition.
4. Perform in one full length play or musical at Hunter High.
5. Earn an additional 140 hours.

THEATER - TECHNICAL

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Demonstrate technical competence by successfully operating stage lighting, stage sound, follow spotlight, fly system and floor running crew in minimum of five (5) major productions in the Auditorium
2. Design one (1) set for a student production.
3. Complete a minimum of 150 hours in production.
4. Complete the first year of the Salt Lake Community College Apprenticeship program through concurrent enrollment
5. Complete all requirements for a Performing Art Letter.

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERING

1. Demonstrate technical competence in operating stage lighting, stage sound, follow spotlight and running crew in at least three (3) major productions in the Auditorium.
2. Complete a minimum of 100 hours in production time.
3. Demonstrate leadership and technical ability in set construction, problem solving, rigging and safety.
4. Minimum 3.5 GPA and 3.5 CPA in technical theater.
5. Stage Manager position for minimum of one (1) year.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

ALL STUDENTS MUST EARN FOUR (4) POINTS TO QUALIFY

1. Must earn a letter grade of an “A” in all Physical Education classes. One (1) point.
2. Two (2) full credits of Physical Education. One (1) point.
3. Must have passed Fitness for Life for the full semester with an “A”. One (1) point.
4. Must meet the national average in ALL of the following Fitnessgram tests. (Required Item)s:
 1. Pacer Test B-48 G-42
 2. Curl Ups B-24 G-18
 3. Push Ups B-18 G-9

ATHLETICS

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

ALL STUDENTS MUST ACCUMULATE FIVE (5) POINTS TO QUALIFY.

4. One (1) point for each Varsity Letter for each sport.
5. One (1) point if the athlete qualified for a State Tournament or Meet, earned All Region honors, was a Region Champion or All-State. Must be a Varsity Letter winner and must present the letter certificate.
6. Two (2) points are earned if the athlete is a State Champion or on a State Championship team. Must be a varsity letter winner and present letter certificate.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Complete a minimum of sixteen (16) quarters of Science instruction drawn from three of the four class categories listed below.
2. Earn and maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher in every Science class each quarter.
3. Complete one (1) AP science class and take the national AP Exam.
4. Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 CPA.

CLASS CATEGORIES

I

Physics 1-2
Chemistry 1-2
Astronomy

II

Physics H
Physics AP
Chemistry H
Chemistry AP
Biochemistry

III

Biology
Botany
Zoology
Wildlife Biology

IV

Biology AP
Human Biology
Biotech
Sports Medicine

SERVICE LEARNING

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

Any student interested in the Service Learning Diploma of Merit must meet the following requirements:

1. Active member of any academic service-learning school club for a minimum of two (2) years from 10th - 12th grade. Examples of service learning clubs are: Peer Leadership Team, Key Club, Community of Caring, Honor Society, etc. For a list of approved service learning related clubs, see the advisor of the Peer Leadership Team.
2. Interested students must perform a minimum of seventy-five (75) hours of service per school year involved in the service-learning club listed above. The service hours must fit the following format: Fifty (50) hours of community service and twenty five (25) hours either in church, school related service or service relating to a specific cause or nonprofit organization of the student's interest. (Example: American Lung Association, YWCA). Service hours cannot consist of items done for any member of their immediate or extended family.
3. Documentation of service hours must be done on the official form given by each participating club advisor.
4. An end of the year interview must be completed at the conclusion of each school year to review the hours from the previous school year. This interview will be conducted by the appointed club advisor.

AUTOMOTIVE

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

Two (2) years completed with the following both years

GPA 3.5 CPA 3.0 Automotive

GPA 3.0 CPA 2.8 Cumulative for all other classes

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Complete Digital Photography 1 & 2
2. GPA 3.0 overall CPA 3.0 overall

ELECTRONICS - ROBOTICS

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

GPA 3.0 overall CPA 3.0 overall

GPA 3.5 Electronics 1 -2 and Robotics 1 - 2 CPA 3.5

GRAPHICS

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Maintain a cumulative 3.0 CPA
2. Complete Introduction to Graphic Communications, Intermediate Graphic Communications, or Advanced Graphic Communications with a 3.6 GPA or better.
3. Actively participate in SkillsUSA.

TV BROADCASTING

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Complete TV Broadcasting 1 & 2 for 2 years
2. GPA 3.0 overall CPA 3.0 overall

WOODS

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

Two (2) years Wood Shop - Beginning/Advanced

GPA 3.5 Woods CPA 3.5 Woods

GPA 3.0 Cumulative CPA 3.0 Cumulative

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERING FOR SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES (REV. 03/2018)

For a Student to earn a Departmental Letter in Skilled and Technical Sciences

1. Student must have served as a State Skills USA officer for at least one year.
-or-
2. Student must have been awarded the Technology Department Sterling Scholar Award.
-or-
3. Student must have qualified for Nationals in Hot Rodders of Tomorrow.
-or-
4. Student must have successfully completed classes in at least three
(3) of the above areas and:
 - a. Have a 3.5 GPA and 3.0 CPA in the department and;
 - b. Have participated in SkillsUSA/VICA and;
 - c. Have participated in a competition at the district level or higher.
-or-
5. Student must have served as a TSA officer.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. The following requirements must be completed during 9th - 12th grades. The applicant must maintain a 3.5 GPA and a 3.0 CPA in all Social Studies classes. The following courses must be completed:

Geography - two (2) semesters [core, Honors or AP]
World History - two (2) semesters [core, Honors or AP]
U.S. History - two (2) semesters [core, Honors or AP]
U.S. Government - one (1) semester [core, CE or AP]
& two (2) semesters of Social Studies electives.

Elective courses may include Psychology, Sociology, Criminal Law, American West, Social Studies Concurrent Enrollment courses and other offerings (varies by year).

2. Complete an application and turn in to a Social Studies teacher.
3. Applicants must be approved by a Social Studies Board of Review.

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERING

1. Applicants must complete all of the requirements for a Diploma of Merit as described above.
2. Applicants must also complete a major research project (e.g. History Fair) or public policy project (e.g. We the People) in cooperation with and under the direction of a member of the Social Studies Department. A faculty advisor will be assigned to supervise the project. Final projects must be approved by the sponsor and the department chairperson. Contact any member of the Social Studies Department to begin this process.
3. Applicants must participate in two (2) **extra-curricular** activities such as those listed below.

Constitution Bowl
Debate
Mock Legislature/Project Citizen
West Valley Youth Council
History Fair
DECA

Model UN
Key Club
Mock Trial
America West Club
National Honor Society
Student Government

Other appropriate opportunities for developing an understanding of history and government in action may be approved on a case-by-case basis. See your Social Studies teacher to discuss additional options.

SPEECH ARTS - DEBATE

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Student must be an active member of the speech and debate team for minimum of six (6) semesters.
2. Student must earn 550 points in the National Speech and Debate Association.
3. Student must be ranked in the top 50 in Utah in the event of their choice on the NSDA website.
4. Student must qualify for one of the following National tournaments: NCFL Grand National Tournament, NSDA National Speech Tournament, or the Tournament of Champions.
5. Student must maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA and a 3.0 CPA.
6. Student must successfully serve in the debate presidency for one (1) year.

FORENSICS LETTER

1. Student must be an active member of the forensics team for a minimum of 2 semesters.
2. Students must compete in 8 competitions - not including region.
3. Student must earn 250 points in the National Forensic League.
4. Student must attend region competition.
5. Student must maintain eligibility all year.
6. All fees must be paid.
7. Display a high level of integrity so as not to ever have your behavior reflect badly on the team

WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

DIPLOMA OF MERIT

1. Have a cumulative GPA in World Language of 3.5 or higher and a CPA of 3.0.
2. Complete six (6) semesters of World Language in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12, which includes a minimum proficiency level of concurrent enrollment, level 4 classes or ASL 2.
3. Pass the Utah State Proficiency Exam (ASL only).
4. Complete a project within their acquired language, outside of class, which must be approved by the World Language committee.

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERING

1. Have a cumulative GPA in World Language of 3.5 or higher and a CPA of 3.0.
2. Complete an advanced placement level 4 class in any language or two (2) years of ASL.

