**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**2019-2020**

All Powers Catholic students are required to take six classes. One credit is given for each semester class. In order to graduate from Powers Catholic, a student must have:

1. Completed four years of high school
2. Taken and passed 46 credits
3. Completed all of the required classes
4. Been in attendance at Powers Catholic during the last semester of his/her senior year
5. Completed the Christian Service requirement

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| **REQUIRED CLASSES FOR GRADUATION** | | |
| Theology | 4 years | One credit for each semester at PCHS |
| English | 4 years | |
| Social Studies   * World History or World Geography * American History * Government * Elective | 1 year  1 year  1 semester  1 semester |  |
| Mathematics | 4 years | |
| Science (Laboratory Science) | 3 years | |
| Physical Education and Health | 1 year | Band will replace this requirement |
| World Language | 2 years |  |
| These are the minimum requirements for graduation from Powers Catholic. All Students are recommended to take academic classes beyond these minimum requirements. (There are several exceptions to these requirements for transfer students.) | | |

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE REQUIREMENT**

Every student is required to perform five hours of service for each semester in attendance at Powers Catholic. A broad range of service activities will be acceptable. While many students work and assist the community in various venues, service hours are to be voluntary and without pay. No diploma will be granted until a student completes the required service hours and senior capstone project.

**SEVENTH CLASS**

Some students will benefit from taking seven classes. College prep students who are proficient in English may wish to consider taking four years of French or Spanish. Colleges consider a four-year language program “a plus” on a student’s application. Students interested in four years of a foreign language will need to take seven classes as a freshman. Other students may find it beneficial to pursue recommended classes in the fine arts, drafting, or computers. Students with good work habits have been successful in taking seven classes as well as participating in extra-curricular activities.

**STUDY SKILLS**

Taking a study skills class can be an educational advantage to some students. Students can use this time to learn good study habits, use the library, meet with a tutor, make up a test, see a counselor, or take care of business without interrupting other class time. Students who need extra support in their classes, are involved in sports, other extra-curricular activities, or work outside of school may find a Study Skills class especially helpful.

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| **OTHER ELECTIVES** | | | |
| Band  Choir  Fine Arts Appreciation  Art I-IV/Adv. Art  AP Studio Art  Ceramics  Business Technology  Marketing  Personal Accounting  Finance  Current Events | Dual Enrollment - CAD  Anatomy and Physiology  Advanced Chemistry  AP Physics  Earth Science  AP Environmental Science  Forensic Science  AP Biology  AP Environmental Science  Literature in Psychology STEM | Forensics - Speaking  Public Speaking  Creative Writing  Literature and Film  AP English  Introduction to Acting  Acting II  French I-IV  Spanish I-IV  Sports Skills  Michigan History | Psychology  AP Psychology  Sociology  AP European History  Government  AP Govt.  Economics  AP Calculus  AP Statistics  Office Experience  Teacher Assistant |

DUAL ENROLLMENT EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Other academic and elective courses are available through our embedded Dual Enrollment programs with area colleges and universities. Juniors and seniors may elect to take these courses and receive both high school and college credits. There are pre-requisites and additional costs for these courses. Participating schools are Kettering University, University of Michigan, Flint, Mott Community College and Baker College.

REQUIREMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENTS’ COUNCIL, STATE UNIVERSITIES OF MICHIGAN, FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS\*

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| English | 4 years required |
| Mathematics | 4 years required |
| Science | 3 years required |
| Social Studies | 3 years required |
| Foreign Language | 3 years strongly recommended  (Both the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA) and Michigan State University require two years of the same foreign language. |
| Fine and Performing Arts | 2 years recommended |