

## TELLURIDE HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC PROGRAM

To promote academic excellence and acknowledge students who pursue it, Telluride High School is proud to recognize the achievement of graduates who complete the Distinguished Academic Program. Preparation for college by some students focuses on merely fulfilling minimum entrance requirements. As a result, some high school students suffer the disappointment of being denied admission to their school of choice or to prestigious, highly selective private colleges and universities because they failed to take four years of rigorous college-prep curricula even though they may have high grades. To many colleges, the best indicator of a student's motivation is a transcript reflecting four years of solid academic work. College admission personnel state that students' success is more predictable based on the degree of difficulty of their high school classes rather than on their overall grade point average.

IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTORS, TELLURIDE HIGH SCHOOL WILL RECOGNIZE AND CERTIFY THE COMPLETION OF A "DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC PROGRAM." STUDENTS WHO SATISFACTORILY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PROGRAM WILL HAVE THEIR TRANSCRIPTS IDENTIFIED AS AN HONOR GRADUATE AND RECEIVE A GOLD CORD. THEIR ACHIEVEMENT WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN THE GRADUATION PROGRAM. A STUDENT MAY NOT BE A VAEDICTORIAN UNLESS HE /SHE COMPLETES THE "DAP."

The Telluride High School Distinguished Academic Program requires the completion of ALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS with the following stipulations:

1. MATHEMATICS COMPLETED MUST BE THROUGH THE ALGEBRA II LEVEL.
2. 2 LAB SCIENCES MUST INCLUDE BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY or PHYSICS.
3. THREE YEARS OF THE SAME WORLD LANGUAGE
4. TWO AP COURSES: AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP US History,  
AP American Government, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Studio Art, AP Psychology
5. THREE ADDITIONAL YEARS (or combined semesters) IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC ELECTIVES (when offered): Pre-Calculus, Physics, Foreign Language 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year, any additional AP courses, or any additional Social Studies, Math or Science electives
7. A MINIMUM 3.50 GPA AND A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER IN ALL COURSES.
8. NO FEWER THAN SIX CLASS PERIODS IN BOTH SEMESTERS OF THE SENIOR YEAR
9. ANY "EXTRA" AP CLASS BEYOND THE REQUIRED 2 MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR A MISSING REQUIREMENT.