



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Waterford School District Offers Advanced Achievement Endorsement** *Provides Academic Accreditation on Diplomas*

**October 11, 2017, Waterford, Mich.** – The Waterford School District implemented a new program for academically advanced students called the Waterford Advanced Achievement Endorsement. Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, this endorsement will afford students the opportunity to earn an academic accreditation on their diploma that is recognized on their transcripts for college admission as an advanced program of study.

The Waterford Advanced Achievement Endorsement Program is based on the three pillars of Scholarship, Citizenship, and Leadership.

**Scholarship:** Students must meet the requirements outlined by the Waterford School District (table link included). Counselors at each high school can support interested students in ensuring that their schedules will help them achieve their goals. By February 8 of senior year, students applying for the endorsement must have a cumulative, weighted grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

**Leadership:** Students are required to earn a minimum of 40 hours of community service by the end of four years. These hours are for the class of 2018, 2019, and 2020. Students are required to provide verification of these hours to their counselor each year.

**Citizenship:** Students in the program must behave as role models for their peers. Severe discipline infractions could jeopardize their standing in the program.

“Our Advanced Achievement Endorsement provides richer student engagement and increased preparation for the student in their post-secondary education or those entering the workforce, says Superintendent Dr. Keith Wunderlich. We’re excited to provide this endorsement for our students.”

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