Advanced Diploma in Music Theory

The requirements for the ECMS Advanced Diploma include a balance of theory and history, with 2 years of an ensemble. The Advanced Diploma can be completed in three years but students may elect to complete this diploma over a longer period of time.

It is not possible to complete this course of study in less than 3 years.

Theory Requirements: 3-6 years	Music Theory I Music Theory II: AP Aural Skills Music Theory III: AP Diatonic Harmony Music Theory IV: AP Advanced Aural Skills Music Theory V: AP Adv. Diatonic Harmony+ Theory Project (pre-requisite: MT III)
Music History Requirement: 1 year	History of Western Music (recommended for grades 10-12)
Ensembles Requirement: 2 years	Any ECMS Ensemble*
Piano Proficiency	Piano Exam** or Diploma Piano Class (non-keyboard players) Keyboard Theory (keyboard players)

Suggested Distribution of Requirements

Grade	Every Year	This Year	Any Year
7th grade	Ensemble*	Music Theory I	History of Western Music
8th grade			
9th grade		Music Theory II	Diploma Piano Class (for non-keyboard players)**
10th grade		Music Theory III	Keyboard Theory (for keyboard players)
11th grade		Music Theory IV Music Theory V+	
12th grade		Theory Project	

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*Ensemble participation, beyond the required number of years, is highly encouraged while the student is pursuing an ECMS diploma.

**If the student wishes to test out of piano class, they must do so by the end of their junior year. See #5 of General Requirements for more information.
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+Upon completion of Music Theory V, the student may take the AP Theory exam.