

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements have changed effective with students entering 9th grade in the 2009-2010 school year.

Page 2 of this document reflects the graduation requirements for students entering 9th grade **PRIOR** to 2009-2010.

Page 3 of this document reflects the graduation requirements for students entering 9th grade in 2009-2010.

Due to the transition from the block schedule to an 8-period schedule, changes in credits for graduation will take effect, as follows:

School Year	Credits Required for Graduation
2010-2011	27
2011-2012	26
2012-2013	25
2013-2014	24

The reduction in required credits affects elective courses; no change has been made in the number of credits required for English, math, science, or social studies.

*** This page applies to students who entered 9th grade PRIOR to the 2009-2010 school year. ***

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Alabama High School Graduation Requirements

The Alabama state course of study shall be followed in determining minimum required content in each discipline. Students seeking the Alabama High School Diploma with Academic Endorsement shall complete ADVANCED LEVEL work in the core curriculum. Credit earned through applied academic courses or embedded credit situations will not satisfy the core curriculum requirements for a diploma with an advanced academic endorsement.

Alabama High School Diploma With Advanced Endorsement

English Language Arts	4
Four credits must include advanced levels of:	
English 9.....	1
English 10.....	1
English 11.....	1
English 12.....	1
Mathematics	4
Four credits must include advanced levels of:	
Algebra 1	1
Geometry.....	1
Algebra II With Trigonometry.....	1
Mathematics Electives.....	1
Science	4
Four credits must include advanced levels of:	
Biology—Advanced	1
Physical Science—Advanced.....	1
Chemistry.....	1
Physics or Anatomy/Physiology—Advanced	1
Social Studies*	4
Four credits must include advanced levels of:	
Advanced World History 1500 to Present.....	1
Advanced U.S. History to 1877.....	1
Advanced U.S. History 1877 to Present.....	1
Advanced Government/Advanced Econ. OR Dual Enrollment Am. Gov/MicroEcon.	1
Physical Education	1
Health Education	0.5
Arts Education	0.5
Computer Applications**	0.5
Foreign Language***	2
Electives	7.5
TOTAL CREDITS	28

Students MUST pass the required statewide assessment for graduation.

***Students earning the diploma with the advanced endorsement shall successfully complete two credits in the same foreign language.

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English Language Arts	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
English 9.....	1
English 10.....	1
English 11.....	1
English 12.....	1
Mathematics	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
Algebra 1	1
Geometry.....	1
Algebra II.....	1
Mathematics Electives.....	1
Science	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
Biology	1
Physical Science.....	1
Environmental Science	1
Anatomy & Physiology.....	1
Social Studies*	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
World History 1500 to Present.....	1
U.S. History to 1877	1
U.S. History 1877 to Present.....	1
American Government & Economics.....	1
Physical Education	1
Health Education	0.5
Arts Education	0.5
Computer Applications**	0.5
Electives	9.5
TOTAL CREDITS	28

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*All four credits in Social Studies shall comply with the current *Alabama Course of Study*.

**May be waived if competencies outlined in the computer applications course are demonstrated to qualified staff in the local school system. The designated one-half credit shall then be added to the elective credits.

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English 9	1
English 10	1
English 11	1
English 12	1
Mathematics	4
Algebra 1	1
Geometry	1
Mathematics Electives	2
Science	4
Biology	1
Physical Science or equivalent	1
Science Electives	2
Social Studies	4
World History 1500 to Present	1
U.S. History to 1877	1
U.S. History 1877 to Present	1
American Government & Economics	1
Physical Education	1
Health Education	0.5
Arts Education	0.5
Computer Applications**	0.5
Electives	8.5
TOTAL CREDITS	27

Students MUST pass all 5 sections of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam.

Alabama High School Diploma with Advanced Academic Endorsement

English Language Arts	4
English 9	1
English 10	1
English 11	1
English 12	1
Mathematics	4
Algebra 1	1
Geometry	1
Algebra II with Trigonometry	1
Mathematics Elective	1
Science	4
Biology	1
Physical Science or equivalent	1
Science Electives	2
Social Studies	4
World History 1500 to Present	1
U.S. History to 1877	1
U.S. History 1877 to Present	1
Government/Economics	1
Physical Education	1
Health Education	0.5
Arts Education	0.5
Computer Applications**	0.5
Foreign Language***	2
Electives	6.5
TOTAL CREDITS	27

Students MUST pass all 5 sections of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam.

Alabama High School Advanced Academic Diploma with Honors Endorsement

English Language Arts	4
Honors English 9	1
Honors English 10	1
Honors English 11 or AP English Lit. & Comp.	1
Honors English 12 or Dual Enrollment	1
Mathematics	4
Honors Algebra 1	1
Honors Geometry	1
Algebra II with Trigonometry	1
Honors Mathematics Elective	1
Science	4
Honors Biology	1
Chemistry	1
Honors Science Electives	2
Social Studies*	4
Honors World History 1500 to Present	1
Honors U.S. History to 1877	1
Honors U.S. History 1877 to Pres. or AP US History ..	1
Honors Government/Honors Economics or Dual Enrollment American Govt/MicroEcon	1
Physical Education	1
Health Education	0.5
Arts Education	0.5
Computer Applications**	0.5
Foreign Language***	2
Electives	5.5
TOTAL CREDITS	27

Students MUST pass all 5 sections of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam.

NOTES:

Students must take a minimum of **14** honors-level core courses, with **all** 11th and 12th grade core courses being honors-level, to earn this diploma.

Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment courses may be substituted for equivalent honors-level courses.

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