

ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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(Alabama Administrative Code 290-3-1-02(8) and (8)(a))

Effective for students in the ninth grade in the 2013-2014 school year, all students shall earn the required credits for the Alabama High School Diploma. A local board of education may establish requirements for receipt of diplomas and endorsements, but any diploma or endorsement shall include the requirements of the Alabama High School Diploma. The Alabama courses of study shall be followed in determining minimum required content in each discipline.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Four credits to include:		Credits	
English Language Arts	English 9	1	
	English 10	1	
	English 11	1	
	English 12	1	
	<i>Equivalent/substitute options may include: Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary courses/SDE approved courses</i>		
English Language Arts Total Credits		4	
Three credits to include:		Credits	
Mathematics	Algebra I or its equivalent/substitute	1	
	Geometry or its equivalent/substitute	1	
	Algebra II w/Trigonometry or Algebra II, or its equivalent/substitute	1	
	<i>Equivalent/substitute options may include: Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary courses/SDE approved courses.</i>		
	One credit from:		
<i>Alabama Course of Study for Mathematics or equivalent/substitute courses from Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary courses/SDE approved courses.</i>		1	
Mathematics Total Credits		4	
Two credits to include:		Credits	
Science	Biology	1	
	A physical science (Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science)	1	
	<i>Equivalent/substitute options may include: Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary courses/SDE approved courses.</i>		
	Two credits from:		
<i>Alabama Course of Study for Science or equivalent/substitute courses from Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary courses/SDE approved courses</i>		2	
Science Total Credits		4	
Four credits to include:		Credits	
Social Studies*	World History	1	
	United States History I	1	
	United States History II	1	
	United States Government	0.5	
	Economics	0.5	
	<i>Equivalent /substitute options may include: Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary courses/SDE approved courses</i>		
Social Studies Total Credits		4	
Physical Education	Lifelong Individualized Fitness Education (LIFE) or One JROTC Credit	1	
Health Education		0.5	
Career Preparedness		1	
Career and Technical Education and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education		3	
Electives		2.5	
Total Credits		24	

ADVANCE ACADEMIC ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENT: Pass all required coursework, including:

- One (1) credit of Algebra II w/Trig.
- Two (2) credits in the same foreign language
- One-half (1/2) credit of a state administered online course in any subject for High School Students, except Career Preparedness