

# High School Graduation Pathways

<b>Career Pathway Option*</b> <b>21 Credits***</b>		<b>Traditional Pathway Option*</b> <b>24 Credits Minimum (entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade 2011-2012)</b> <b>26 Credits Minimum (entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade 2015-2016)</b>		<b>District Option**</b> <b>21 Credits Minimum</b>		<b>MS Early Exit Exam Option****</b> <b>(Applies only to students in a State Board of Education (SBE) approved Innovative Program)</b>	
<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	<b>Required Course</b>	<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	<b>Required Courses</b>
4 Credits of English 3 Credits of Math 3 Credits of Science 3 Credits of Social Studies  0.5 Credit of Health/ Physical Education  1 Credit of Integrated Technology  4 Credits of Career and Technical Education Electives  2.5 Credits of Electives	English I, English II Algebra I Biology I 1 U.S. History 0.5 U.S Government 0.5 Mississippi Studies  0.5 Comprehensive Health 0.5 OR Physical Education  Technology Foundations, ICT, 9 <sup>th</sup> STEM, or Computer Applications and Keyboarding  From Student's Program of Study	4 Credits of English 4 Credits of Math 4 Credits of Science 4 Credits of Social Studies  0.5 Credit of Health  0.5 Physical Education  1 Credit of Business & Technology  1 Credit of Art 5 Credits of Electives  <b>Additional requirements for                      Entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade 2015-16:</b>  1 Credit of Foreign Language  1 credit of additional elective	English I, English II Algebra I Biology I 1 U.S. History 1 World History 0.5 Geography 0.5 Economics 0.5 U.S Government 0.5 Mississippi Studies  0.5 Comprehensive Health 0.5 Physical Education  Technology Foundations, ICT, 9 <sup>th</sup> STEM, or Computer Applications and Keyboarding	4 Credits of English 4 Credits of Math 3 Credits of Science 3 Credits of Social Studies  0.5 Credit of Health  1 Credit of Business & Technology  1 Credit of Art  4.5 Credits of Electives	English I, English II Algebra I Biology I 1 U.S. History 1 World History 0.5 U.S Government 0.5 Mississippi Studies  0.5 Comprehensive Health  Technology Foundations, ICT, 9 <sup>th</sup> STEM, or Computer Applications and Keyboarding	2 Credits of English 3 Credits of Math 2 Credits of Science 2.5 Credits of Social Studies  1 Credit of Health & Physical Education  1 Credit of Business & Technology  1 Credit of Fine Art  5 Credits of Electives	English I, English II Algebra I Biology I 1 U.S. History 1 World History 0.5 U.S Government 0.5 Mississippi Studies OR approved SBE equivalent courses  0.5 Comprehensive Health 0.5 Physical Education  Technology Foundations, ICT, 9 <sup>th</sup> STEM, or Computer Applications and Keyboarding  Electives should align with postsecondary admission standards.

**iCAPS**

Each student in Mississippi schools must have an iCAP that is personalized to meet his or her educational and career goals. Students who choose the Career Pathway Option must complete 4 career and technical education units and 2.5 elective units specified in the students' iCAP.

**Subject Area Tests**

The Subject Area Testing Program (SATP) consists of four academic, end-of-course tests (Algebra I, Biology I, English II, and U.S. History from 1877). A passing score in each of the four subject-area tests is required.

\*Career and Traditional Pathway Options are State Board required.

\*\* District Pathway

\*\*\* The Career Pathway Option is available for all students beginning in 2011-2012

\*\*\*\* The Mississippi Early Exit Diploma indicates that students are ready to do college level work without remediation and opens up a variety of educational and career pathways within and beyond high school. In order to qualify for a Mississippi Early Exit Diploma, in addition to earning the Carnegie Units listed, students must meet college and career qualification scores in **all** core content areas on a series of End of Course (EOC) exams and/or the required benchmarks for college readiness on the ACT or Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) approved college entrance exam.