



STATE COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

STATE DIPLOMA	YEAR NEW REQUIREMENTS PASSED	1 ST IMPACTED EXPECTED GRADUATING CLASS	REQUIREMENT	# OF REQUIRED CREDITS	CHANGE IN TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS
ALABAMA FIRST CHOICE DIPLOMA	2008	2013	Default	24	0
ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2007	2013	Default	22	+2
ARKANSAS SMART CORE	2004	2010	Default	22	0
DELAWARE HIGH SCHOODIPLOMA	2006	2011 (2013: For Lang Added)	Mandatory	24	+2
GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2007	2012	Mandatory	23	+1
INDIANA CORE 40	2005	2011	Default	20	0
KENTUCKY DIPLOMA	2006	2012	Mandatory	22	0
LOUISIANA CORE 4 CURRICULUM	2007	2012	Default	24	+1
MICHIGAN MERIT CURRICULUM	2006	2011 (2016: For Lang Added)	Default	18	+18
MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2006	2015	Mandatory	21.5	0
MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2006	2011	Default	24	+4
NEW MEXICO DIPLOMA OF EXCELLENCE	2007	2013	Default	24	+1
NEW YORK REGENTS DIPLOMA	2005	2010	Mandatory	22	0
NORTH CAROLINA FUTURE-READY CORE	2007	2013	Default	21	+1
OHIO CORE	2007	2014	Mandatory	20	0
OKLAHOMA COLLEGE-PREP & WORK-READY CURRICULUM	2005	2010	Default	23	0
SOUTH DAKOTA ADVANCED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2005	2010	Default	22	0
TENNESSEE READY CORE	2008	2013	Mandatory	22	+2
TEXAS RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM	2003/2006*	2008/2011	Default	26	+4
WASHINGTON CORE 24	2008	2013/2016**	Default	24	+5

**The Texas RHSP was first established as the default diploma requirement for all students in 2003 – impacting the class of 2008 – and included three math credits through Algebra II. In 2006 – impacting the class of 2011 – a fourth year of math was added to RHSP.*

*** The full Washington Core 24 requirements will be in place in 2016, but the Algebra II requirement will be phased in for the class of 2013.*



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	ALABAMA	ARIZONA	ARKANSAS	DELAWARE	GEORGIA
English	4 • English 9-12	4 • Including 0.5 incorporating the principles of speech and debate	4.5 • English 9-12 • 0.5 Oral Communication	4	4 • 1 American Literature & Composition • 1 9th grade Literature & Composition
Mathematics	4 • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II with Trigonometry • 1 beyond Algebra II	4 • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II or its equivalent • fourth course covering significant math content	4 • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II or their equivalents • 1 beyond Algebra II	4 • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II	4 • Mathematics 1 • Mathematics 2 • Mathematics 3 or their equivalents
Science	4 • 1 Biology • 1 Physical Science • 2 approved science electives	3 • Aligned with Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards	3 • 3 lab-based physical sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Applied Biology / Chemistry, Principles of Technology	3 • 3 lab sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science or another integrated science program	4 • 1 Biology • 1 Physical Science or Physics • 1 Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or an AP/IB course]
Social Studies	4 • 1 World History to 1500 • 1 U.S. History to 1877 • 1 U.S. History from 1877-Present • 1 American Government/Economics	3 • 1 American History, including AZ History • 1 World History/Geography • 0.5 American Government including AZ Government • 0.5 Economics	3 • 1 American History • 1 World History • 1 Civics / U.S. Government	3 • Including History, Geography, Civics and Economics	3 • 1 U.S. History • 1 World History • 0.5 American Government / Civics • 0.5 Economics
Electives	6.5 • 2 Foreign Language • 0.5 Arts Education • 0.5 Computer Applications • 3.5 from Foreign Languages, Arts Education, PE, Wellness Education, CTE and Driver Ed	8 • 1 Fine Arts <u>OR</u> Career/Tech • 7 electives	6.5 • 0.5 Fine Arts • 6 "Career Focus"	8.5 • 2 Foreign Language • 3 "Career-Academic Pathway" courses • 3.5 electives	7 • 3 from Career/Tech, Fine Arts, Modern Languages/Latin • 4 electives
Other	• 1.5 PE/Health		• 1 PE/Health & Safety	• 1.5 PE/Health	• 1 PE/Health
Total Required	24	22	22	24	23



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	INDIANA	KENTUCKY	LOUISIANA	MICHIGAN	MINNESOTA
	4	4	4	4	4
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including literature, speech and composition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including reading, writing, speaking, listening, observing, inquiry, conventions, analysis, and using technology as a communication tool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I-IV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 9-12 	
	3	3	4	4	3
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Students may also take Integrated Math I-III Math or Physics required in junior or senior year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Students must be engaged in math all four years of high school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry Algebra II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry Algebra II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geometry Algebra II Probability / Statistics Algebra I in 8th grade
	3	3	4	3	3
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Biology 1 Chemistry, Physics, or Integrated Chemistry-Physics Math or Physics required in junior or senior year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 lab-based courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Biology 1 Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Biology 1 Chemistry or Physics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Biology 1 Chemistry or Physics
	3	3	4	3	3.5
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 U.S. History 1 World History / Civilization or Geography 0.5 U.S. Government 0.5 Economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including U.S. History, Geography, Economics Government / Civics, and Culture/Societies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 U.S. History 0.5 Civics or Government 0.5 Free Enterprise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 U.S. History and Geography 1 World History and Geography 0.5 Civics 0.5 Economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 encompassing U.S. History, Geography, World History and Government / Citizenship 0.5 Economics
	5.5	8	6	3	8
Electives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5 from Fine Arts, Career/Tech and World Languages 3 "Career-Academic Sequence" recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Visual or Performing Arts 7 electives, four of which must be within students' academic or career interests, based on students' Individualized Learning Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Foreign Language 1 Arts 3 electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Foreign Language 1 Visual Arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Arts 7 electives
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.5 PE/Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 PE/Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 PE/Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 PE/Health Online learning experience 	
Total Required	20	22	24	18	21.5



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	MISSISSIPPI	NEW MEXICO	NEW YORK	NORTH CAROLINA	OHIO
English	4	4	4	4	4
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major emphasis on grammar, nonfiction writing and literature 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I-IV 	
Mathematics	4	4	3	4	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Two courses above Algebra I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including one course equal to or higher than Algebra II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students must pass course and end-of-course test in "Integrated Algebra" that combines Algebra I and II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Students may also take Integrated Math I-III A fourth year of math aligned with student's post high school plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including Algebra II or its equivalent
Science	4	3	3	3	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one lab-based course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least two lab-based courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Physical Science 1 Life Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Biology 1 Physical Science 1 Earth/Environmental Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Physical Science 1 Biology An additional advanced lab-based course
Social Studies	4	3.5	4	3	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 World History 1 U.S. History 0.5 Geography 0.5 U.S. Government 0.5 Economics 0.5 Mississippi Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 including U.S. History and Geography, World History and Geography, Government and Economics 0.5 New Mexico History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 U.S. History 0.5 Government Participation 0.5 Economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 World History 1 US History 1 Civics and Economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.5 American History 0.5. American Government
Electives	7.5	8.5	5.5	6	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Fine Arts 1 Computer Discovery <u>OR</u> 0.5 Keyboarding and 0.5 Computer Applications 5.5 electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Foreign Language <u>OR</u> Career Cluster or Work Readiness 7.5 electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Foreign Language (or demonstrated proficiency) 1. Fine Arts 3.5 electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 electives (at least two of which must be any combination of Career and Technical Education, Arts or Second Language) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 from Foreign Language, Fine Art, Business, Career-Tech Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, Technology, Agricultural Education, or other academic courses
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.5 PE/Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 PE At least 1 credit in AP, honors, dual credit or distance learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5 PE/Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 PE/Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 PE/Health
Total Required	24	24	22	21	20



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	OKLAHOMA	SOUTH DAKOTA	TENNESSEE	TEXAS	WASHINGTON
	4	4	4	4.5	4
English		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 Writing and Communications • 1.5 Literature • 0.5 American Literature • 0.5 Speech 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5 Speech 	
	3	3	4	4	3
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Algebra • 1 Geometry • 1 Algebra II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Algebra • 1 Geometry • 1 Algebra II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Algebra • 1 Geometry • 1 Algebra II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Algebra • 1 Geometry • 1 Algebra II • 1 math course must be taken in senior year
	3	3	3	4	3
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Biology • 1 Chemistry or Physics • An additional lab-based course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Biology • 1 Chemistry or Physics • An additional lab-based course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Biology • 1 Chemistry or Physics • An additional lab-based course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Biology • 2 in integrated Physics & Chemistry, Chemistry, Physics or Principles of Technology I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 lab-based courses • 1 Biology, Chemistry or Physics
	3	3.5	3	4	3
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5 U.S. History • 0.5 Oklahoma History • 0.5 U.S Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 U.S. History • 1 0.5 U.S. Government • 0.5 Geography • 0.5 World History • 0.5 Economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including U.S. History, World History / World Geography, Economics and Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 World History • World Geography • 1 U.S. History: Post-Reconstruction • 0.5 U.S. Government • 0.5 Economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 U.S. History • 1 World history
	10	8	6	5.5	9
Electives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Foreign Language <u>OR</u> Computer Technology • 1 Fine Arts <u>OR</u> Speech • 1 Career Tech <u>OR</u> academic course • 6 electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 from Foreign Languages, Career Tech, Computer Studies or additional math or science courses • 1 Fine Arts • 5 electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 CTE in same program area <u>OR</u> 2 Foreign Language and 1 Fine Arts • 3 electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Foreign Language • 1 Fine Arts • 1 Technology Applications • 3.5 electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Arts • 7 chosen from Career and Technical Education, World Language and other electives
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5 PE/Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 PE/Health • 0.5 Personal Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 PE/Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Fitness/Health
Total Required	23	22	22	26	24