





## STATE COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

STATE DIPLOMA	YEAR NEW REQUIREMENTS PASSED	1 <sup>ST</sup> 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 SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2006	2011 (2013: For Lang Added)	Mandatory	24	+2
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2007	2011	Mandatory	24	+0.5
FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2010	2016	Mandatory	24	0
GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2007	2012	Mandatory	23	+1
INDIANA CORE 40	2005	2011	Default	20	0
KENTUCKY DIPLOMA	2006	2012	Mandatory	22	0
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	2012	Default	24	+4
NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2009	2015	Mandatory	20	0
NEW MEXICO DIPLOMA OF EXCELLENCE	2007	2013	Default	24	+1
NORTH CAROLINA FUTURE-READY CORE	2007	2013	Default	21	+1
OHIO CORE	2007	2014	Default	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	2006	2011	Default	26	+4
UTAH HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2010	2012	Default	24	0
WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2011	2013/2016*	Default	20	0

*Washington's third year of mathematics requirements goes into effect in 2013; the new English and Social Studies requirements take effect in 2016*



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	ALABAMA	ARIZONA	ARKANSAS	DELAWARE	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
<b>English</b>	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
<b>Mathematics</b>	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 • Algebra I (by ninth grade) • Geometry • Algebra II
<b>Science</b>	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	4 • 3 lab sciences
<b>Social Studies</b>	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 / US Government	3 • Including History, Geography, Civics and Economics	4 • World History 1 • World History 2 • US History • US Government & DC History
<b>Electives</b>	6.5 • 2 Foreign Language • 0.5 Arts Education • 0.5 Computer Applications • 3.5 from Foreign Languages, Arts, PE, Wellness Ed, 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	6.5 • 2 World Language • 0.5 Art • 0.5 Music • 2 CTE or College-level courses • 1.5 electives
<b>Other</b>	1.5 PE/Health		1 PE/Health & Safety	1.5 PE/Health	1.5 PE/Health • 100 hours of community service • Theses in 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grades
<b>Total Required</b>	24	22	22	24	24

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	FLORIDA	GEORGIA	INDIANA	KENTUCKY
<b>English</b>	4	4	4	4
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 American Literature &amp; Composition</li> <li>• 1 9th grade Literature &amp; Composition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including literature, speech &amp; composition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including reading, writing, speaking, listening, observing, inquiry, conventions, analysis, and using technology as a communication tool</li> </ul>
<b>Mathematics</b>	4	4	3	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra I</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics 1</li> <li>• Mathematics 2</li> <li>• Mathematics 3 or their equivalents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra I</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II</li> <li>• Students may also take Integrated Math I-III</li> <li>• Math or Physics required in junior or senior year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra I</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II</li> <li>• Students must be engaged in math all four years of high school</li> </ul>
<b>Science</b>	3	4	3	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Biology</li> <li>• 1 Chemistry or Physics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Biology</li> <li>• 1 Physical Science or Physics</li> <li>• 1 Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or an AP/IB]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Biology</li> <li>• 1 Chemistry, Physics, or Integrated Chemistry-Physics</li> <li>• Math or Physics required in junior or senior year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 lab-based courses</li> </ul>
<b>Social Studies</b>	3	3	3	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 U.S. History</li> <li>• 1 World History</li> <li>• 0.5 Economics</li> <li>• 0.5 U.S. Government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 U.S. History</li> <li>• 1 World History</li> <li>• 0.5 American Government / Civics</li> <li>• 0.5 Economics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 U.S. History</li> <li>• 1 World History / Civilization or Geography</li> <li>• 0.5 U.S. Government</li> <li>• 0.5 Economics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including U.S. History, Geography, Economics Government / Civics, and Culture/Societies</li> </ul>
<b>Electives</b>	10	7	5.5	8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Fine or Performing Arts</li> <li>• 8 electives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 from CTAE, Fine Arts, Modern Languages/Latin</li> <li>• 4 electives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.5 from Fine Arts, Career/Tech and World Languages</li> <li>• 3 “Career-Academic Sequence” recommended</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Visual or Performing Arts</li> <li>• 7 electives, four within students’ academic or career interests, based on students’ Individualized Learning Plans</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 PE (with health)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 PE/Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 PE/Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 PE/Health</li> </ul>
<b>Total Required</b>	24	23	20	22



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	MICHIGAN	MINNESOTA	MISSISSIPPI	NEBRASKA
<b>English</b>	4	4	4	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English 9-12</li> </ul>			Districts are required to adopt standards that are the same as, equal to, or more rigorous than the state academic content standards in language arts
<b>Mathematics</b>	4	3	4	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>Algebra II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geometry</li> <li>Algebra II</li> <li>Probability / Statistics</li> <li>Algebra I in 8<sup>th</sup> grade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Two courses above Algebra I</li> </ul>	Districts are required to adopt standards that are the same as, equal to, or more rigorous than the state academic content standards in mathematics, which include content typically found in an Algebra II course
<b>Science</b>	3	3	4	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Biology</li> <li>1 Chemistry or Physics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Biology</li> <li>1 Chemistry or Physics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least one lab-based course</li> </ul>	Districts will be required to adopt standards that are the same as, equal to, or more rigorous than the state academic content standards in science, including biological, earth/space and physical science concepts with corresponding science inquiry skills and laboratory experience
<b>Social Studies</b>	3	3.5	4	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 U.S. History and Geography</li> <li>1 World History and Geography</li> <li>0.5 Civics</li> <li>0.5 Economics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 encompassing U.S. History, Geography, World History and Government / Citizenship</li> <li>0.5 Economics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 World History</li> <li>1 U.S. History</li> <li>0.5 Geography</li> <li>0.5 U.S. Government</li> <li>0.5 Economics</li> <li>0.5 Mississippi Studies</li> </ul>	Districts will be required to adopt standards that are the same as, equal to, or more rigorous than the state academic content standards in social studies, with civics/government, geography, U.S. and world history and economic concepts.
<b>Electives</b>	3	8	7.5	7
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Foreign Language</li> <li>1 Visual Arts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Arts</li> <li>7 electives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Fine Arts</li> <li>1 Computer Discovery <u>OR</u> 0.5 Keyboarding and 0.5 Computer Applications</li> <li>5.5 electives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 electives</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 PE/Health</li> <li>Online learning experience</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 PE/Health</li> </ul>	
<b>Total Required</b>	18	21.5	24	20

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	NEW MEXICO	NORTH CAROLINA	OHIO	OKLAHOMA
<b>English</b>	4	4	4	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major emphasis on grammar, nonfiction writing and literature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I-IV</li> </ul>		
<b>Mathematics</b>	4	4	4	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Including one course equal to or higher than Algebra II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>Algebra II</li> <li>Students may also take Integrated Math I-III</li> <li>A fourth year of math aligned with student's post high school plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Including Algebra II or its equivalent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>Algebra II</li> </ul>
<b>Science</b>	3	3	3	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least two lab-based courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Biology</li> <li>1 Physical Science</li> <li>1 Earth/Environmental Science</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Physical Science</li> <li>1 Biology</li> <li>An additional advanced lab-based course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Biology</li> <li>1 Chemistry or Physics</li> <li>An additional lab-based course</li> </ul>
<b>Social Studies</b>	3.5	3	3	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 including U.S. History and Geography, World History and Geography, Government and Economics</li> <li>0.5 New Mexico History</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 World History</li> <li>1 US History</li> <li>1 Civics and Economics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 American History</li> <li>0.5. American Government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5 U.S. History</li> <li>0.5 Oklahoma History</li> <li>0.5 U.S Government</li> </ul>
<b>Electives</b>	8.5	6	5	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Foreign Language <u>OR</u> Career Cluster or Work Readiness</li> <li>7.5 electives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 electives (at least two of which must be any combination of Career and Technical Education, Arts or Second Language)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 from Foreign Language, Fine Art, Business, Career-Tech Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, Technology, Agricultural Education, or other academic courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Foreign Language <u>OR</u> Computer Technology</li> <li>1 Fine Arts <u>OR</u> Speech</li> <li>1 Career Tech <u>OR</u> academic course</li> <li>6 electives</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 PE</li> <li>At least 1 credit in AP, honors, dual credit or distance learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 PE/Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 PE/Health</li> </ul>	
<b>Total Required</b>	24	21	20	23



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	SOUTH DAKOTA	TENNESSEE	TEXAS	UTAH	WASHINGTON
<b>English</b>	4	4	4.5	4	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 Writing and Communications</li> <li>• 1.5 Literature</li> <li>• 0.5 American Literature</li> <li>• 0.5 Speech</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.5 Speech</li> </ul>		
<b>Mathematics</b>	3	4	4	3	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra I</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra I</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra I</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Algebra II</li> <li>• Students may also take Integrated Math I-III</li> </ul>
<b>Science</b>	3	3	4	3	2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Biology</li> <li>• 1 Chemistry or Physics</li> <li>• An additional lab-based course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Biology</li> <li>• 1 Chemistry or Physics</li> <li>• An additional lab-based course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Biology</li> <li>• 2 in integrated Physics &amp; Chemistry, Chemistry, Physics or Principles of Technology I</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 from Earth Systems, Biological Science, Chemistry, or Physics</li> <li>• 1 from the foundation courses or the applied or advanced science core list.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least one lab-based course</li> </ul>
<b>Social Studies</b>	3.5	3	4	3	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 U.S. History</li> <li>• 1 0.5 U.S. Government</li> <li>• 0.5 Geography</li> <li>• 0.5 World History</li> <li>• 0.5 Economics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including U.S. History, World History / World Geography, Economics and Government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 World History</li> <li>• World Geography</li> <li>• 1 U.S. History: Post-Reconstruction</li> <li>• 0.5 U.S. Government</li> <li>• 0.5 Economics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 U.S. History</li> <li>• 0.5 Geography</li> <li>• 0.5 World Civilization</li> <li>• 0.5 U.S. Government &amp; Citizenship</li> <li>• 0.5 General Financial Literacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including 0.5 civics</li> </ul>
<b>Electives</b>	8	6	5.5	9	6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 from Foreign Languages, Career Tech, Computer Studies or additional math or science courses</li> <li>• 1 Fine Arts</li> <li>• 5 electives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 CTE in same program area <u>OR</u> 2 Foreign Language and 1 Fine Arts</li> <li>• 3 electives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Foreign Language</li> <li>• 1 Fine Arts</li> <li>• 1 Technology Applications</li> <li>• 3.5 electives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 Fine Arts</li> <li>• 1 CTE</li> <li>• 0.5 Computer Tech</li> <li>• 6 electives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Arts</li> <li>• 1 Occupational Education</li> <li>• 4 Electives</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.5 PE/Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 PE/Health</li> <li>• 0.5 Personal Finance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 PE/Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 PE/Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Health/Fitness</li> </ul>
<b>Total Required</b>	22	22	26	24	20