



STATE COLLEGE- AND WORK-READY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

	AR	DE	IN	KY	MI	MN	MS
Name of Diploma	Smart Core	State of DE Diploma	Core 40	Commonwealth Diploma	Merit Curriculum	MN HS Diploma	MS HS Diploma
Year New Requirements Passed	2004	2006	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006
1st Impacted Expected Graduating Class	2010	2011 (2013: For Lang added)	2011	2012	2011 (2016: For Lang added)	2015	2011
Requirement	Default	Mandatory	Default	Mandatory	Default	Mandatory	Default
Required Courses	22	24	20	22	18	21.5	24
<i>Change in Total Required Courses</i>	0	+2	0	0	+18	0	+4

**The Texas RHSP was first established as the requirement for all students (as the default diploma option) 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; in 2007 the state board is expected to clarify what that fourth year should include/cover.*

*** North Carolina recently approved a diploma framework that will likely be finalized with similar requirements. The NC framework is included as the 13th state and details the new requirements as they now stand.*

	NY	OH	OK	SD	TX	NC**
Name of Diploma	Regents Diploma	Ohio Core	Standard Diploma	Advanced HS Program	Recommended HS Program (RHSP)	NC HS Diploma
Year New Requirements Passed	2005	2007	2005	2005	2003/2006*	2007 (expected)
1st Impacted Expected Graduating Class	2010	2014	2010	2010	2007/2011*	2012
Requirement	Mandatory	Mandatory	Default	Default	Default	Mandatory
Required Courses	22 <small>Created January 30, 2007</small>	20	23	22	26	21
<i>Change in Total Required Courses</i>	0	0	0	0	+4	+1



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English	4.5 [including 0.5 Oral Communication]	4	4 [including literature, speech & composition]	4	4	4	4
Mathematics	4 [including one beyond Algebra II]	4 [including Algebra II]	3 [including Algebra II; all students must take math or Physics in 11 th or 12 th grade]	3 [including Algebra II; students must be engaged in math all four years of high school]	4 [including Algebra II]	3 [including Algebra, Algebra II, Geometry & Statistics/Probability; all students must take math in 12 th grade]	4 [including at least two beyond Algebra, such as Geometry, Algebra II & any courses beyond Algebra II]
Science	3 lab-based physical sciences	3	3 [including one Biology & one Chemistry or Physics; all students must take math or Physics in 11 th or 12 th grade]	3	3 [including one Biology & one Chemistry or Physics]	3 [including one Biology & one Chemistry or Physics]	4 [including at least one lab-based course]
Social Studies	3 [including one American History, one World History & one Civics/U.S. Government]	3	3 [including one U.S. History, one World History/Civilization or Geography, 0.5 U.S. Government, & 0.5 Economics]	3 [including U.S. History, Geography, Government/Civics, Economics & Culture/Societies]	3 [including one U.S. History & Geography, one World History & Geography, 0.5 Civics & 0.5 Economics]	3.5 [including U.S. History, Geography, World History, Government/Citizenship & 0.5 Economics]	3 [including one World History, one U.S. History, 0.5 Geography & 0.5 Mississippi Studies]
Foreign Language	0	2 [beginning class of 2013]	2.5 [students must choose from Fine Arts, Career/Tech & World Languages]	0	2	0	0
Other	0.5 Fine Arts 6 "Career Focus"	1.5 PE/Health 3 "Career-Academic Pathway" courses 3 electives	1.5 PE/Health 2.5 [students must choose from Fine Arts, Career/Tech & World Languages] 6 ["Career-Academic Sequence" recommended]	1 Visual or Performing Arts 7 [four of which must be within students' academic or career interests, based on students' Individualized Learning Plans]	1 PE/Health 1 Visual Arts 0 ["on-line learning experience" required]	1 Fine Arts 7 Other Required Electives	0.5 PE/Health 1 Fine Arts 1 [including one Computer Discovery, or 0.5 Keyboarding & 0.5 Computer Applications] 5.5 Other Required Electives
Total Required Courses	22	24	20	22	18	21.5	24



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	NY	OH	OK	SD	TX*1	NC**2
English	4	4	4	4 [including 1.5 Writing & Communications, 1.5 Literature – with 0.5 American Literature and 0.5 Speech]	4.5 [including 0.5 Speech]	4
Mathematics	3 [all students must pass course and end-of-course test in “Integrated Algebra” that combines Algebra I & II]	4 [including Algebra II or its equivalent]	3 [Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II and any courses above Algebra that are approved for college admission requirements]	4 [including Algebra II]	4 [including one math beyond Algebra II]	4
Science	3 [including one physical science & one life science]	3 with labs	3 lab sciences [including Biology, Chemistry, Physics]	3 [including one Biology, one Chemistry of Physics, & another lab-based science]	4 [including Biology & Chemistry or Physics]	3
Social Studies	4 [including one U.S. History, 0.5 Government Participation & 0.5 Economics]	3 [including 0.5 credit in American History and American Government each]	3 [including 0.5 U.S. History, 0.5 Oklahoma History, 0.5 U.S. Government]	4 [including one U.S. History, 0.5 U.S. Government, 0.5 Geography, 0.5 World History & 0.5 Economics]	4 [including one World History, one World Geography, one U.S. History: Post-Reconstruction, 0.5 U.S. Government & 0.5 Economics]	3
Foreign Language	1 [or demonstrated proficiency]	5 [students must choose from Foreign Language, Fine Art, Business, Career-Tech Education, Family & Consumer Sciences, Technology, Agricultural Education, or other academic courses]	2 Foreign Language <u>or</u> Computer Technology	2 [students must choose from Foreign Languages, Career Tech, Computer Studies, or additional math or science courses]	2	2
Other	2.5 PE/Health 1 Fine Arts 3.5 Other Required Electives	1 [including 0.5 of PE & 0.5 of Health] 5 [students must choose from Foreign Language, Fine Art, Business, Career-Tech Education, Family & Consumer Sciences, Technology, Agricultural Education, or other academic courses]	2 Foreign Language <u>or</u> Computer Technology 1 Fine Arts <u>or</u> Speech 1 Career Tech <u>or</u> academic course 6 Other Required Electives	2 [students must choose from Foreign Languages, Career Tech, Computer Studies, or additional math or science courses] 1 Fine Arts 5 Other Required Electives	2 PE/Health 1 Fine Arts 1 Technology Applications 3.5 Other Required Electives	1 PE/Health 4 [students must choose at least 4 courses to earn an “endorsement” in Career-Tech, Arts Education, JROTC, Advanced Placement/IB, Foreign Language, or another discipline]
Total Required Courses	22	20	23	22	26	21



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