

## Alabama High School Graduation Requirements – Clarified May 2018

From **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.”

<b>Course Requirements</b>	
<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – TOTAL OF FOUR CREDITS</b>	
<i>Four credits to include:</i>	
English 9	1 credit
English 10	1 credit
English 11	1 credit
English 12	1 credit
English Language Arts credit eligible options may include: Advanced Placement / International Baccalaureate courses / SDE approved courses.	
<b>MATHEMATICS – TOTAL OF FOUR CREDITS</b>	
<i>Three credits to include:</i>	
Algebra I or its equivalent/substitute	1 credit
Geometry or its equivalent/substitute	1 credit
Algebra II w/ Trigonometry or Algebra II or its equivalent/substitute	1 credit
<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	
<b>SCIENCE – TOTAL OF FOUR CREDITS</b>	
<i>Two credits to include:</i>	
Biology	1 credit
A physical science (Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science)	1 credit
<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	
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES – TOTAL OF FOUR CREDITS</b>	
World History	1 credit
United States History I	1 credit
United States History II	1 credit
Government	0.5 credit
Economics	0.5 credit
Social Studies credit eligible options may include: Advanced Placement / International Baccalaureate courses / SDE approved courses.	
<b>Civics Test Requirement</b> - Students are required to pass the Civics Test in the United States Government class effective the 2018-2019 school year.	
<b>Physical Education</b> - Lifelong Individual Fitness Education (LIFE) or JROTC credit	1 credit
<b>Health Education</b>	0.5 credit
<b>Career Preparedness</b>	1 credit
<b>Career and Technical Education and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education</b>	3 credits
<b>Electives</b>	2.5 credits
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>24 credits</b>