

ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(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.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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| English Language Arts | Four credits to include: | Credits |
| | English 9 | 1 |
| | English 10 | 1 |
| | English 11 | 1 |
| | English 12 | 1 |
| <i>Equivalent options may include: Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary equivalent courses</i> | | |
| English Language Arts Total Credits | | 4 |
| Mathematics | Three credits to include: | Credits |
| | Algebra I or its equivalent | 1 |
| | Geometry or its equivalent | 1 |
| | Algebra II w/Trigonometry or Algebra II, or its equivalent | 1 |
| | One credit from: | |
| <i>Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics or Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary equivalent courses</i> | | 1 |
| Mathematics Total Credits | | 4 |
| Science | Two credits to include: | Credits |
| | Biology | 1 |
| | A physical science (Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science) | 1 |
| | Two credits from: | |
| | <i>Alabama Course of Study: Science or Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary equivalent courses</i> | |
| Science Total Credits | | 4 |
| Social Studies* | Four credits to include: | Credits |
| | World History | 1 |
| | United States History I | 1 |
| | United States History II | 1 |
| | United States Government | 0.5 |
| | Economics | 0.5 |
| | <i>Equivalent options may include: Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary equivalent courses</i> | |
| Social Studies Total Credits | | 4 |
| Physical Education | Lifelong Individualized Fitness Education (LIFE) | 1 |
| Health Education | | 0.5 |
| Career Preparedness | | 1 |
| Career and Technical Education and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education | | 3 |
| Electives | | 2.5 |
| <i>Local boards shall offer foreign languages, arts education, physical education, wellness education, career and technical education, and driver education as electives.</i> | | |
| <i>*All four credits shall comply with the current Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies</i> | | |
| Total Credits | | 24 |