

# ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## for incoming freshman beginning 2020-2021

(Alabama Administrative Code 290-3-1-02(8) and (8)(a))

Effective for students in the ninth grade in the 2020-2021 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

<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS</b>	<b>FOUR credits to include:</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
	English 9	1
	English 10	1
	English 11	1
	English 12	1
English Language Arts credit eligible options may include Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary courses/SDE-approved courses		
<b>English Language Arts Total Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>  Minimum high school requirements	<b>THREE credits to include:</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
	Geometry with Data Analysis or its equivalent	1
	Algebra I with Probability or its equivalent	1
	Algebra II with Statistics or its equivalent	1
	Mathematics – credit eligible options may include Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary courses/SDE-approved courses	
	<b>ONE credit from:</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics or mathematics credit from Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary courses/SDE-approved courses	1	
<b>Mathematics Total Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>TWO credits to include:</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
	Biology	1
	A Physical Science (chemistry, physics, physical science)	1
	<b>TWO credits from:</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
	Alabama Course of Study: Science or science credit from Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary courses/SDE-approved courses	2
<b>Science Total Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES*</b>	<b>FOUR credits to include:</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
	World History	1
	United States History I	1
	United States History II	1
	United States Government	0.5
	Economics	0.5
Social Studies – credit eligible options may include Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary courses/SDE-approved courses		
<b>Civics Exam Requirement</b>	Effective with the 2018-2019 school year, students are required to earn a passing score on the civics exam.	
<b>Social Studies Total Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	Beginning Kinesiology or Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)	1
<b>Health Education</b>		0.5
<b>Career Preparedness</b>		1
<b>Career and Technical Education and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education</b>		3
<b>Electives</b>		2.5
<b>FAFSA</b>	Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, students are required to complete applications or complete waiver.	
Local boards shall offer foreign languages, arts education, physical education, wellness education, career and technical education, and driver education as electives.		
*All four credits shall comply with the current Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>24</b>