

ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

for students entering 9th grade before 2021-2022

(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

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	FOUR credits to include:	CREDITS
	English 9	1
	English 10	1
	English 11	1
	English 12	1
Equivalent options may include Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary equivalent courses		
English Language Arts Total Credits		4
MATHEMATICS	THREE credits to include:	CREDITS
	Algebra I or its equivalent/substitute	1
	Geometry or its equivalent/substitute	1
	Algebra II with Trigonometry or Algebra II or equivalent	1
	ONE credit from:	CREDIT
Alabama Course of Study for mathematics or equivalent/substitute courses from Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary equivalent courses		1
Mathematics Total Credits		4
SCIENCE	TWO credits to include:	CREDITS
	Biology	1
	A Physical Science (chemistry, physics, physical science)	1
	TWO credits from:	CREDITS
Alabama Course of Study: Science or Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary equivalent courses		2
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
Equivalent options may include Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary equivalent courses		
Social Studies Total Credits		4
Physical Education	Beginning Kinesiology, LIFE PE, JROTC, marching band or equivalent waiver	1
Health Education		0.5
Career Preparedness		1
Career and Technical Education and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education		3
Electives		2.5
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		
TOTAL CREDITS		24