

Additional Graduation Requirements from the AL Department of Education

College and Career Readiness.

1. Effective with the **2023-2024** school year and commencing with the cohort of public-school students who **will graduate during the 2025-2026** school year, all public school students shall demonstrate postsecondary education and workforce readiness by earning one or more of the following college or career readiness indicators before graduation:

- (i) Earning a benchmark score in any subject area on the ACT college entrance exam.
- (ii) Earning a qualifying score of three or higher on an advanced placement exam.
- (iii) Earning a qualifying score of four or higher on an international baccalaureate exam.
- (iv) Earning college credit while in high school.
- (v) Earning a silver or gold level on the ACT WorkKeys Exam.
- (vi) Completing an in-school youth apprenticeship program.
- (vii) Earning a career technical industry credential listed on the compendium of valuable credentials of the Alabama Committee on Credentialing and Career Pathways.
- (viii) Being accepted into the military before graduation.
- (ix) Attaining career and technical education completer status.
- (x) Any additional college and career readiness indicator approved by the State Board of Education.

2. Except for diplomas issued under Special Education Services rules, no student shall receive a diploma without earning one or more of the college or career readiness indicators.

3. Any student not receiving a diploma pursuant to this section, who later becomes in compliance, may only receive a diploma if the remedy occurs within the two years of their initial failure to graduate.

Previous additions to graduation requirements:

Beginning with the 2019 graduating class students must make a passing score on the CIVICS exam.

Beginning with the 2022 graduating class students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application or signing a form to opt out (waiver) from completing the application.