

# ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

## GRADUATING CLASS OF 2028 AND BEYOND OPTION B

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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English Language Arts	<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>
Mathematics	<b>Two credits to include:</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	Geometry or its equivalent/substitute	1
	Algebra I or its equivalent/substitute	1
<b>Mathematics Total Credits</b>		<b>2</b>
Science	<b>Two credits to include:</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	Biology	1
	A physical science (Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science)	1
<b>Science Total Credits</b>		<b>2</b>
Social Studies	<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>	Students are required to earn a passing score on the <i>Civics Exam</i> .	
<b>Social Studies Total Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	Beginning Kinesiology <u>or</u> Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)	1
<b>Career Preparedness</b>	Students are required to complete an accompanying financial literacy examination as part of this course.	1
<b>Health Education</b>		0.5
<b>Career and Technical Education</b>	Credits must be earned from an approved CTE Program of Study, resulting in CTE Completer status.	3
<b>Electives</b>		6.5
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>24</b>
<p>* Effective with the graduating Class of 2022, the following requirements shall be fulfilled on behalf of the graduating senior as part of the graduating senior's transition into postsecondary education, training, or the workforce: Submit to the United States Department of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Certify a non-participation waiver, in writing, to the superintendent of the local education agency if the graduating senior chooses not to complete and submit FAFSA.</p> <p>**Effective with the graduating Class of 2026, the Alabama High School Diploma: General Education Pathway shall be issued to students who earn the required credits and earn one or more of the college and career readiness indicators approved by the Alabama State Board of Education.</p>		

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