



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

February 11, 2025

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EGM*  
State Superintendent of Education

**SUBJECT:** Revised Alabama High School Graduation Requirements

On December 12, 2024, the Alabama State Board of Education amended the [Alabama Administrative Code Rule No. 290-3-1.02](#) to revise the Alabama High School Graduation Requirements, which include the following actions:

- Requiring one (1) unit of credit in an Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE)-approved computer science course or complete a course with embedded computer science skills and experiences for students who are members of the graduating Class of 2032 and are pursuing the *Alabama High School Diploma: General Education Pathway*.
- Establishing a new pathway to earn the Alabama High School Diploma, known as Option B, in accordance with [Act #2024-126](#), passed in the 2024 Alabama Legislative Session.

Guidelines for implementing the new graduation requirements and other important information for you to share with your school staff may be found [here](#). This guidance will remain on the ALSDE website and will be updated as additional details are determined.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) has assured us that students who follow Option B will be eligible for athletics. Specific language regarding athletic eligibility is forthcoming.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Sean J. Stevens by email at [stevens@alsde.edu](mailto:stevens@alsde.edu) or by telephone at 334-694-4768 or Mrs. Dawn Morrison by email at [dmorrison@alsde.edu](mailto:dmorrison@alsde.edu) or by telephone at 334-694-4762.

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