

Graduation Requirements - Option A - Traditional

Subject	Requirements	Credits
English Language Arts	English 9, 10, 11, and 12 or any CTE/AP/IP equivalent courses.	4
Mathematics	<p>Geometry with Data Analysis</p> <p>Algebra I with Probability (unless 7th and 8th accelerated were taken)</p> <p>Algebra II with Statistics</p> <p>Additional course(s) to complete the four credits in mathematics must be chosen from the Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics or CTE/AP/IB equivalent courses</p>	4
Science	Biology and a Physical Science (i.e. Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics). Additional course(s) to complete the third and fourth science credits must be chosen from the Alabama Course of Study: Science or CTE/AP/IB equivalent courses	4
Social Science	World History, US History I, US History II, and Government/Economics or AP/IB equivalent courses	4
Physical Education	Beginning Kinesiology (PE)	1
Health Education	<p>Health Education</p> <p>Foundations of Health Science</p>	<p>0.5</p> <p>1.0</p>
Career Preparedness	Career Preparedness Course (to include topics of Career and Academic Planning, Computer Applications, Financial Literacy) or Career Preparedness A and B	<p>1</p> <p>0.5 + 0.5</p>
CTE and/or World Language and/or Arts Education	Students choosing CTE, Arts education and/or World Language are encouraged to complete two courses in sequence.	3
Elective	Additional courses to be completed for the remaining 4.5 credits should be selected from the various elective and core offerings	4.5
Additional Graduation Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civics Exam (taken during Government) Financial Literacy Exam (taken during Career Prep) College & Career Ready (see page 10 for requirements) 	
	Total Credits Required for Graduation	26

Graduation Requirements Option B - Workforce Pathway

Subject	Requirements	Credits
English Language Arts	English 9, 10, 11, and 12 or any CTE/AP/IP equivalent courses.	4
Mathematics	Geometry with Data Analysis Algebra I with Probability (unless 7th and 8th accelerated were taken) OR Algebra II with Statistics (if 7th and 8th accelerated were taken)	2
Science	Biology and a Physical Science (i.e. Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics).	2
Social Studies	World History, US History I, US History II, and Government/Economics or AP/IB equivalent courses	4
Physical Education	Beginning Kinesiology (formerly LIFE PE)	1
Health Education	Health Education or Foundations of Health Science	0.5 1.0
Career Preparedness	Career Preparedness Course (to include topics of Career and Academic Planning, Computer Applications, Financial Literacy) or Career Preparedness A and B	1 0.5 + 0.5
CTE	3 courses in an Approved Program of Study	3
Electives	Additional courses to be completed for the remaining 8.5 credits should be selected from the various elective and core offerings	8.5
Additional Graduation Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civics Exam (taken during Government) Financial Literacy Exam (taken during Career Prep) College & Career Ready (see page 10 for requirements) 	
This diploma option may not meet the requirements of colleges and universities or NCAA.	Total Credits Required for Graduation	26

College and Career Readiness Graduation Requirement

<p>CCR Requirement Cohort 2026 and beyond</p>	<p>On November 10, 2022, the Alabama State Board of Education amended the Alabama Administrative Code, Rule No. 290-3-1.02, which added a College and Career Readiness Indicator to the Alabama High School Graduation Requirements. Beginning with the 2026 cohort, students are required to earn College and Career Readiness (CCR) status in order to graduate. CCR can be earned through one of the nine options listed below. (Students are only required to earn CCR through one of the options listed.) Visit the MCS website for additional details on College and Career Readiness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earn a benchmark score in any subject area on the ACT College Entrance Exam.• Earn a qualifying score of three or higher on an Advanced Placement Exam.• Earn a qualifying score of four or higher on an International Baccalaureate Exam.• Earn college credit while in high school.• Earn a silver or gold level on the ACT WorkKeys Exam.• Complete an in-school youth apprenticeship program.• Earn a career tech industry credential listed on the compendium of valuable credentials of the Alabama Committee on Credentialing and Career Pathways.• Military enlistment.• Attain Career and Technical Education (CTE) completer status.	
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Alabama High School Diploma

Substitute Courses for Students with Disabilities

Areas of Study	Requirements	Credit
English Language Arts	English 9, 10, 11, and 12 or any AP or postsecondary equivalent option of these courses <u>or</u> * English Essentials 9, 10, 11 and 12 <u>or</u> **AAS English 9, 10, 11, and 12.	4
Math	Essentials Geometry with Data Analysis Essentials Algebra I with Probability Essentials Algebra II with Statistics <u>AND</u> Essentials Algebra with Finance <u>OR</u> Essentials Mathematical Modeling	4
Science	Biology and a Physical Science The third and fourth science credits may be used to meet both the science and the CTE requirement and must be chosen from the Alabama Course of Study: Science or CTE/AP equivalent courses. <u>or</u> *Life Skills Science I, II, III and IV <u>or</u> **AAS Science 9, 10, 11, and 12	4
Social Studies	World History, US History I, US History II, and Government/Economics or AP/Dual Enrollment equivalent courses. <u>or</u> *World History for Living, US History for Living 10, US History for Living 11, and Economics for Living/US Government for Living <u>or</u> **AAS Social Studies 9, 10, 11 and 12	4
Physical Education	Beginning Kinesiology (PE)	1
Health Education	Alabama Course of Study: Health Education <u>or</u> **AAS Pre-Vocational, AAS Vocational, AAS Community Based Instruction, and/or AAS Elective Course	0.5
CTE and/or World Languages and/or Arts Education	Students choosing CTE, World Languages, and/or Arts Education are encouraged to complete two courses in sequence. <u>or</u> *two CTE courses and Workforce Essentials <u>or</u> **AAS Life Skills	3
Electives	*Students earning core credit through the Essentials/Life Skills courses are required to take Cooperative Education Seminar/Work-Based Experience. **AAS Pre-Vocational, AAS Vocational, AAS Community Based Instruction, and/or AAS Elective Course.	2.5
	Total Credits Required for Graduation	24

Diploma Endorsements

Diploma	Requirements
Alabama State Diploma	See page 9 for requirements
Alabama State Diploma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> with Madison City Advanced Academics Endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 World Language Credits of the Same Language Algebra II with Statistics 1 Advanced Placement Credit
Alabama State Diploma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> with Madison City Seal of Academic Distinction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 World Language Credits of the Same Language Algebra II with Statistics 3 Advanced Placement Credits

Seal of Biliteracy

Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of all graduation requirements Proof of English proficiency via successful completion of Alabama State requirements Proof of World Language proficiency via a benchmark score on an approved state assessment Completed application and application fee* <p>*All students are encouraged to apply regardless of financial ability.</p>