



STATE COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

	AZ	AR	DE	GA	IN	KY	LA	MI
Name of Diploma	Arizona HS Diploma	Smart Core	State of DE Diploma	GA HS Diploma	Core 40	Minimum Diploma	Core 4 Curriculum	Merit Curriculum
Year New Requirements Passed	2007	2004	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2006
1st Impacted Expected Graduating Class	2013	2010	2011 (2013: For Lang added)	2012	2011	2012	2012	2011 (2016: For Lang added)
Requirement	Default	Default	Mandatory	Mandatory	Default	Mandatory	Default	Default
Required Courses	22	22	24	23	20	22	24	18
<i>Change in Total Required Courses</i>	+2	0	+2	+1	0	0	+1	+18

	MN	MS	NM	NY	NC	OH	OK	SD	TX
Name of Diploma	MN HS Diploma	MS HS Diploma	NM Diploma of Excellence	Regents Diploma	Future-Ready Core	Ohio Core	College Preparatory - Work Ready Curriculum	Advanced HS Program	Recommended HS Program (RHSP)
Year New Requirements Passed	2006	2006	2007	2005	2007	2007	2005	2005	2003/2006*
1st Impacted Expected Graduating Class	2015	2011	2013	2010	2013	2014	2010	2010	2008/2011*
Requirement	Mandatory	Default	Default	Mandatory	Default	Mandatory	Default	Default	Default
Required Courses	21.5	24	24	22	21	20	23	22	26
<i>Change in Total Required Courses</i>	0	+4	+1	0	+1	0	0	0	+4

**The Texas RHSP was first established as the requirement for all students (as the default diploma option) in 2003 – impacting the class of 2008 – and included three math credits through Algebra II. In 2006 – impacting the class of 2011 – a fourth year of math was added to RHSP; in 2007 the state board is expected to clarify what that fourth year should include/cover.*



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English	4 [including 0.5 unit that incorporates the principles of speech and debate]	4.5 [including 0.5 Oral Communication]	4	4	4 [including literature, speech and composition]	4
Mathematics	4 [including Algebra II or its equivalent and a fourth course covering significant math content]	4 [including one beyond Algebra II]	4 [including Algebra II]	4 [including Mathematics 1, Mathematics 2, Mathematics 3 or their equivalents]	3 [including Algebra II; all students must take mathematics or Physics in 11th or 12th grade]	3 [including Algebra II; students must be engaged in mathematics all four years of high school]
Science	3	3 lab-based physical sciences	3 lab sciences [from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science or another integrated science program]	4 [including one Biology; one Physical Science or Physics; one Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or an AP/IB course]	3 [including one Biology and one Chemistry or Physics; all students must take mathematics or Physics in 11th or 12th grade]	3 [lab-based courses that are aligned with content strands in biological sciences, physical sciences, earth and space sciences and unifying concepts]
Social Studies	3 [including one American History, including AZ History, one World History/Geography, 0.5 American Government, including AZ Government, and 0.5 Economics]	3 [including one American History, one World History and one Civics/U.S. Government]	3 [including History, Geography, Civics and Economics]	3 [including one U.S. History, one World History, 0.5 American Government/Civics and 0.5 Economics]	3 [including one U.S. History, one World History/Civilization or Geography, 0.5 U.S. Government, and 0.5 Economics]	3 [including U.S. History, Geography, Government/Civics, Economics and Culture/Societies]
Foreign Language	0	0	2 [beginning class of 2013]	3 [taken from Career/Tech, Fine Arts and Modern Languages/Latin]	2.5 [students must choose from Fine Arts, Career/Tech and World Languages]	0
Other	1 Fine Arts or Career/Tech 7 electives	0.5 Fine Arts 6 "Career Focus"	1.5 PE/Health 3 "Career-Academic Pathway" courses 3.5 electives	1 PE/Health 4 electives	1.5 PE/Health 2.5 [students must choose from Fine Arts, Career/Tech and World Languages] 6 ["Career-Academic Sequence" recommended]	1 Visual or Performing Arts 7 [four of which must be within students' academic or career interests, based on students' Individualized Learning Plans]
Total Required		22	24	23	20	22



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	LA	MI	MN	MS	NM	NY
English	4	4	4	4	4	4
Mathematics	4 [including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and an additional approved course]	4 [including Algebra II]	3 [including Algebra, Algebra II, Geometry and Statistics/Probability]	4 [including at least two beyond Algebra, such as Geometry, Algebra II and any courses beyond Algebra II]	4 [including one equal or higher than Algebra II]	3 [all students must pass course and end-of-course test in "Integrated Algebra" that combines Algebra I and II]
Science	4 [including one Biology, one Chemistry and two additional approved courses]	3 [including one Biology and one Chemistry or Physics]	3 [including one Biology and one Chemistry or Physics]	4 [including at least one lab-based course]	3 [including at least 2 lab-based courses]	3 [including one Physical Science and one Life Science]
Social Studies	4 [including 0.5 Civics or Government, 0.5 Free Enterprise, one U.S. History and two additional approved courses]	3 [including one U.S. History and Geography, one World History and Geography, 0.5 Civics and 0.5 Economics]	3.5 [including U.S. History, Geography, World History, Government/Citizenship and Economics]	3 [including one World History, one U.S. History, 0.5 Geography and 0.5 Mississippi Studies]	3.5 [including U.S. History and Geography, World History and Geography, Government and Economics, and 0.5 New Mexico history]	4 [including one U.S. History, 0.5 Government Participation and 0.5 Economics]
Foreign Language	2	2	0	0	1 Foreign Language <u>or</u> career cluster or workplace readiness	1 [or demonstrated proficiency]
Other	0.5 Health 1.5 PE 1 Arts 3 Other Required Electives	1 PE/Health 1 Visual Arts 0 ["on-line learning experience" required]	1 Arts 7 Other Required Electives	0.5 PE/Health 1 Fine Arts 1 [including one Computer Discovery, or 0.5 Keyboarding and 0.5 Computer Applications] 5.5 Other Required Electives	7.5 Electives 1 PE All students must earn at least 1 credit in AP, honors, dual credit or distance learning	2.5 PE/Health 1 Fine Arts 3.5 Other Required Electives
Total Required	24	18	21.5	24	24	22



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	NC	OH	OK	SD	TX
English	4	4	4	4 [including 1.5 Writing and Communications, 1.5 Literature – with 0.5 American Literature and 0.5 Speech]	4.5 [including 0.5 Speech]
Mathematics	4 [including Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II OR three years of Integrated Mathematics I-III and a fourth year of mathematics aligned with student's post high school plans]	4 [including Algebra II or its equivalent]	3 [Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II and any courses above Algebra that are approved for college admission requirements]	4 [including Algebra II]	4 [including one mathematics beyond Algebra II]
Science	3 [including Biology, Physical Science and environment/earth science]	3 with inquiry-based lab experiences [including one Physical Science, Biology and another advanced course]	3 lab sciences [including Biology, Chemistry and Physics]	3 [including one Biology, one Chemistry of Physics, and another lab-based science]	4 [including Biology and Chemistry or Physics]
Social Studies	3 [including one World History, one US History and one Civics and Economics]	3 [including 0.5 American History and 0.5. American Government]	3 [including 0.5 U.S. History, 0.5 Oklahoma History, 0.5 U.S Government]	4 [including one U.S. History, 0.5 U.S. Government, 0.5 Geography, 0.5 World History and 0.5 Economics]	4 [including one World History, one World Geography, one U.S. History: Post-Reconstruction, 0.5 U.S. Government and 0.5 Economics]
Foreign Language	6 [at least two electives must be any combination of Career Technical Education, Arts or Second Language]	5 [students must choose from Foreign Language, Fine Art, Business, Career-Tech Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, Technology, Agricultural Education, or other academic courses]	2 Foreign Language <u>or</u> Computer Technology	2 [students must choose from Foreign Languages, Career Tech, Computer Studies or additional mathematics or science courses]	2
Other	1 P.E./Health 6 [at least two electives must be any combination of Career Tech Education, Arts or Second Language]	0.5 PE and 0.5 Health 5 [students must choose from Foreign Language, Fine Art, Business, Career-Tech Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, Technology, Agricultural Education, or other academic courses]	2 Foreign Language or Computer Technology 1 Fine Arts or Speech 1 Career Tech or academic course 6 Other Required Electives	2 [students must choose from Foreign Languages, Career Tech, Computer Studies, or additional math or science courses] 1 Fine Arts 5 Other Required Electives	2 PE/Health 1 Fine Arts 1 Technology Applications 3.5 Other Required Electives
Total Required	21	20	23	22	26