# New South Dakota High School Graduation Requirements
## Adopted by State Board of Education January 2005
## Effective Fall 2006
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| STANDARD Graduation Requirements (meets the requirements established for the **basic high school program** under SDCL 13-33-19) | ADVANCED Graduation Requirements (meets the requirements established for the **recommended high school program** under SDCL 13-33-19) | DISTINGUISHED Graduation Requirements (*) denotes offerings required to meet the South Dakota Opportunities Scholarship |
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| English/Reading & Communication Art (4 units) (1.5 Writing and 1.5 Literature including .5 American Literature and .5 Speech) | English/Reading and Communication Arts (4 units) (1.5 Writing and 1.5 Literature including .5 American Literature and .5 Speech) | English/Reading and Communication Arts (4 units) * (1.5 Writing and 1.5 Literature including .5 American Literature and .5 Speech) |
| Social Studies (3 units) (1) U.S. History; and (.5) U.S. Government; and (.5) Geography; and (**.5) World History** | Social Studies (3 units) (1)U.S. History; and (.5) U.S. Government; and (.5) Geography; and (**.5) World History** | Social Studies (3 units) * (1) U.S. History; and (.5) U.S. Government; and (.5) Geography; and (**.5) World History** |
| Mathematics – (must include Algebra 1) (3 units) | Mathematics (3 units) (must include Algebra 1, Algebra II, and Geometry or higher) | Mathematics (4 units) * (must include Algebra 1, Algebra II, and Geometry (or higher) and Higher Level Math Elective) |
| Science (min. of 2 units of lab science) (2 units) | Science (min. of 3 units of lab science) (3 units) (must include Biology and Chemistry or Physics) | Science (min. of 3 units of lab science) (4 units) * (must include Biology and Chemistry or Physics) |
| Fine Arts (1 unit) | Fine Arts (1 unit) | Fine Arts (1 unit) * |
| **Health or Physical Education (.5 units)** | **Health or Physical Education (.5 units)** | **Health or Physical Education (.5 units)** |
| **Economics or Personal Finance (.5 units)** | **Economics or Personal Finance (.5 units)** | **Economics or Personal Finance (.5 units)** |
| **Required Offerings: students must select (2 units) with any combination of )** **a. World Language, or** **b. Computer Studies; or** **c. Approved Career and Technical Education courses; or** **d. Mathematics courses in addition to meeting the math requirement above; or** **e. Science courses in addition to meeting the science requirement above.** | **Required Offerings: students must select (2 units with any combination of )** **a. World Language, or** **b. Computer Studies; or** **c. Approved Career and Technical Education courses; or** **d. Mathematics courses in addition to meeting the math requirement above; or** **e. Science courses in addition to meeting the science requirement above.** | **World Language (2 years same Language) (2 units)*** Computer Studies (.5 units) * |
| Electives (6 units) | Electives (5 units) | Electives (2.5 units) |
| Total Credits (22 units) | Total Credits (22 units) | Total Credits (22 units) |