

**South Dakota Graduation Requirements – Proposed**

**South Dakota High School Diploma Requirements**

Subject	PROPOSED		CURRENT	
	Within Units Required, Must Include:	Total Units Required	Within Units Required, Must Include:	Total Units Required
<b>English</b>	1 unit Writing .5 unit Speech 1 unit Literature (including .5 unit American Literature)	4	1.5 units Writing .5 unit Speech 1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature) .5 unit Language Arts elective	4
<b>Mathematics</b>	1 unit Algebra I	3	1 unit Algebra 1 unit Geometry~ 1 unit Algebra II~	3
<b>Science*</b>	1 unit Biology	3	1 unit Any Physical Science 1 unit Biology 1 unit Chemistry or Physics~	3
<b>Social Studies</b>	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government	3	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government .5 unit World History .5 unit Geography	3
<b>Fine Arts</b>		1		1
<b>Physical Education</b>		.5		.5
<b>Health/Health Integration</b>		.5		.5
<b>Personal Finance or Economics</b>		.5		.5
<b>Approved CTE –OR– World Language –OR– Capstone Experience</b>		1		1
<b>Electives</b>		5.5		5.5
<b>Total</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>22</b>

A student may earn one or more advanced endorsements that are in alignment with the student’s personal learning plan. See *Advanced Endorsements* section.

**NOTES for PROPOSED requirements:**

- \* A state-approved advanced computer science course (with a list of approved courses provided) may be substituted for 1 unit of science (not including Biology).
- Credit for an approved CTE course may count for core content coursework if the district applies through SD DOE's *CTE for Core Content* program. See <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/corecontentcredit.aspx> for more information.
- Students may earn advanced endorsements with their high school diploma. See the *Advanced Endorsements* section for specific endorsements.

**NOTES for CURRENT requirements:**

- ~With school and parent/guardian approval, a student may be excused from a math and/or science course in favor of a more appropriate course. In the area of Math, a student may be excused from taking Algebra II or Geometry, but not both. The student must still take three units of Math. In the area of Lab Science, a student may be excused from the requirement to take Chemistry and/or Physics. Students must still take three units of Lab Science. A student's parent or legal guardian and school counselor or administrator must agree to the decision, and the excuse must be documented at the local level.
- Credit for an approved CTE course may count for core content coursework if the district applies through SD DOE's *CTE for Core Content* program. See <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/corecontentcredit.aspx> for more information.

### Advanced Endorsements

Within the coursework outlined under *South Dakota High School Diploma Requirements*, a student may earn one (or more) of three advanced endorsements:

- **Advanced Endorsement:** Indicates a student has pursued coursework consistent with entrance requirements for postsecondary education at a university
- **Advanced Career Endorsement:** Indicates a student has career experience in a concentrated area, based on academic and/or workplace experience and a related credential
- **Advanced Honors Endorsement:** Indicates a student has pursued advanced rigorous, academic coursework consistent with §13-55-31.1 (High school course requirements for opportunity scholarship eligibility)

Advanced endorsements outline specific coursework completed within the general high school diploma requirements to denote particular emphases. (*Substitutions noted above with an \* do not apply to Advanced and Advanced Honors endorsement requirements.*) Highlighted areas show the distinctions for each endorsement.

**Advanced Endorsement:**

*Indicates a student has pursued coursework consistent with entrance requirements for postsecondary education at a university*

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	Within Units Required, Must Include:	Total Units Required	Within Units Required, Must Include:	Total Units Required
<b>English</b>	1 unit Writing .5 unit Speech 1 unit Literature (including .5 unit American Literature)	4	1.5 units Writing .5 unit Speech 1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature) .5 unit Language Arts elective	4
<b>Mathematics</b>	1 unit Algebra I 1 unit Geometry 1 unit Algebra II	3	1 unit Algebra 1 unit Geometry~ 1 unit Algebra II~	3
<b>Science</b>	1 unit Biology 2 units other lab sciences	3	1 unit Any Physical Science 1 unit Biology 1 unit Chemistry or Physics~	3
<b>Social Studies</b>	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government	3	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government .5 unit World History .5 unit Geography	3
<b>Fine Arts</b>		1		1
<b>Physical Education</b>		.5		.5
<b>Health/Health Integration</b>		.5		.5
<b>Personal Finance or Economics</b>		.5		.5
<b>Approved CTE –OR– World Language –OR– Capstone Experience</b>		1		1
<b>Electives</b>		5.5		5.5
<b>Total</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>22</b>

**Advanced Career Endorsement:**

Indicates a student has career experience in a concentrated area, based on academic and/or workplace experience and a related credential

Subject	PROPOSED		CURRENT GRAD REQUIREMENTS	
	Within Units Required, Must Include:	Total Units Required	Within Units Required, Must Include:	Total Units Required
<b>English</b>	1 unit Writing .5 unit Speech 1 unit Literature (including .5 unit American Literature)	4	1.5 units Writing .5 unit Speech 1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature) .5 unit Language Arts elective	4
<b>Mathematics</b>	1 unit Algebra I	3	1 unit Algebra 1 unit Geometry~ 1 unit Algebra II~	3
<b>Science*</b>	1 unit Biology	3	1 unit Any Physical Science 1 unit Biology 1 unit Chemistry or Physics~	3
<b>Social Studies</b>	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government	3	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government .5 unit World History .5 unit Geography	3
<b>Fine Arts</b>		1		1
<b>Physical Education</b>		.5		.5
<b>Health/Health Integration</b>		.5		.5
<b>Personal Finance or Economics</b>		.5		.5
	2 units of either of the following or a combination of the two: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved CTE units from the same career cluster <u>OR</u></li> <li>• Capstone Experience units</li> </ul> <b>AND</b> Attainment of an industry-recognized credential <u>OR</u> National Career Readiness Certificate of Silver or higher	2+		1
<b>Electives</b>		4.5		5.5
<b>Total</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>22</b>

**Advanced Honors Endorsement:**

Indicates a student has pursued advanced rigorous, academic coursework consistent with §13-55-31.1 (High school course requirements for opportunity scholarship eligibility)

All high school coursework completed with a "C" or higher.

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	Within Units Required, Must Include:	Total Units Required	Within Units Required, Must Include:	Total Units Required
<b>English</b>	1.5 unit Writing .5 unit Speech 1.5 unit Literature, including .5 unit American Literature .5 unit Language Arts elective	4	1.5 units Writing .5 unit Speech 1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature) .5 unit Language Arts elective	4
<b>Mathematics</b>	1 unit Algebra I 1 unit Geometry 1 unit Algebra II 1 unit Advanced Mathematics (see <a href="https://sdos.sdbor.edu/require/require.html">https://sdos.sdbor.edu/require/require.html</a> for more information)	4	1 unit Algebra 1 unit Geometry~ 1 unit Algebra II~	3
<b>Science</b>	1 unit Biology 1 unit Any Physical Science 1 unit Chemistry or Physics 1 unit Science electives	4	1 unit Any Physical Science 1 unit Biology 1 unit Chemistry or Physics~	3
<b>Social Studies</b>	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government .5 unit Geography .5 unit World History .5 unit Social Studies elective	3	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government .5 unit World History .5 unit Geography	3
<b>Fine Arts</b>		1		1
<b>Physical Education</b>		.5		.5
<b>Health/Health Integration</b>		.5		.5
<b>Personal Finance or Economics</b>		.5		.5

<b>Approved CTE –OR– World Language</b>	2 units of either of the following or a combination of the two: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved CTE courses <u>OR</u> Modern or Classical Language (including U.S. Sign Language); units must be in the same language</li> </ul>	2		1
<b>Electives</b>		2.5		5.5
<b>Total</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>22</b>

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