

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

FOR ACCREDITATION REVIEWS



AGENDA

- Related Administrative Rules
- Common Red Flags
- Typical Submitted Evidence



RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

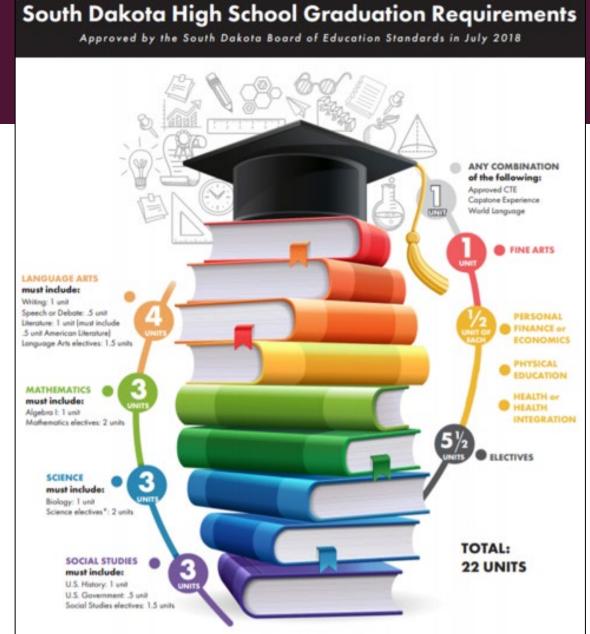
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General Requirements for High School Graduation

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Courses districts are required to offer every 2 years

- Language Arts 4 Units
- Social Studies 3 Units
- Math 4 Units
- Science 4 Units
- Health or Health Integration .5 Unit
- Physical Education .5 Unit
- Personal Finance or Economics .5 Unit

- World Language 2 Units
- Fine Arts I Unit
- CTE I Unit
- Capstone Experience





CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE COURSES

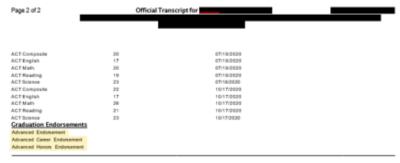
- Senior Experience (80019)
- Entrepreneurship Experience (80026)
- Youth Internship (80018)
- Youth Apprenticeship (80020)
- Service Learning (22104)



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"Effective July 1, 2020, any advanced endorsement earned must be listed on the high school transcript."







Student Data Collections Desk Guide, pg 76-79 Image is hyperlinked



TRANSCRIPT REVIEW

- Do schools need to submit transcripts as evidence?
 - No, the DOE will review a random selection of transcripts of graduated seniors to verify advanced endorsements are noted



COMMON RED FLAGS

- Not showing courses your district offers
- Not showing you offer a capstone experience
- Not showing attainment of an industry-recognized credential or National Career Readiness Certificate of Silver or higher
- Not using course codes on transcripts
 - https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/commoncourse.aspx

TYPICAL SUBMITTED EVIDENCE

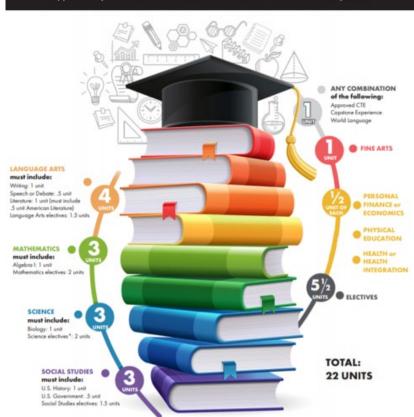


GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Most schools submit their Student Handbook

South Dakota High School Graduation Requirements

Approved by the South Dakota Board of Education Standards in July 2018



NEW South Dakota High Graduation Requirements

The new graduation requirements are structured in a similar way to college majors. All students pursue the same diploma but in addition to meeting the high school diploma course requirements, students may also earn advanced endorsements. These advanced endorsements are similar to college majors, signaling the coursework they have taken has a specific focus. Using that same idea, a student might have one major, or a double major or even a triple major! Let's take a look at what the new high school graduation requirements might took like for the state of t

HIGH SCHOOL MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Within Required Credits, Must Include:	Total Credits Required 4.0 credits	
English	0.5 credit English 1 0.5 credit Speech 1.0 credit English 2 1.0 credit English 3 1.0 credit English 4		
Mathematics	1.0 credit Algebra 1	3.0 credits	
Science*	1.0 credit Biology	3.0 credits	
Social Studies	0.5 credit World History 0.5 credit World Geography 0.5 credit Social Studies Elective 0.5 credit U.S. Government 1.0 credit of U.S. History	3.0 credits	
Fine Arts		1.0 credit	
Physical Education		1.0 credit	
Health		1.0 credit	
Computers		1.0 credit	
Personal Finance OR Economics		0.5 credit	
Approved CTE – OR – World Language – OR – Capstone Experience		1.0 credit	
Electives		6.5 credits	
TOTAL		25 credits	

NOTES:

 *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).

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 South Dakota 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.



REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL UNIT OFFERINGS

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