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Pathway Leading to the Alabama High **School Diploma**

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Alabama State Board of Education	MEMORA			
	TO:	City and County Superintendents of E	ducation	
Governor Kay Ivey President	FROM:	Eric G. Mackey 24M State Superintendent of Education		Doviced Ale
Jackie Zeigler District i	SUBJECT:	Revised Alabama High School Gradu	ation Requirements	Revised Ala
Tracie Weat District 8 President Pro Tem	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 (CCR) Indicator to the Alabama High School Graduation Requirements. Effective for students of the graduating Class of 2028 who will enter Grade 8 for the first time in the 2023-2024 school year, the Alabama High School Diploma—General Education Pathway shall be issued to students who earn the required credits and earn one or more of the following college or career readiness indicators:			School G
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Yvetta M. Richardson, Ed.D. District IV	Earn colle Earn a silv	ualifying score of four or higher on an Interr ege credit while in high school. ver or gold level on the ACT [®] WorkKeys [®] I e an in-school youth apprenticeship program	Require	
Torrya S. Chestnut, Ed.D. District V	Earn a ca	areer technical industry credential listed or Committee on Credentialing and Career P	the compendium of valuable credentials of the	
Marie Manning District VI	Attain Car	reer and Technical Education (CTE) comp ional College and Career Readiness (CCR	leter status.) indicator approved by the Alabama State Board	
Belinda McRae District VI	Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support as we ensure Alabama students are college and career ready. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Monica P. Mack by email at <u>monica.mack@alsde.edu</u> , Mrs. Cathy Lankford by email at <u>cathy lankford@alsde.edu</u> , or Mrs. Cristin M. Dillard by email at <u>cdillard@alsde.edu</u> . They may also be reached by telephone at 334-694-4768.			
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evised Alabama High School Graduation Requirements



Requirements

Commencing with the 2025-2026 school year, a publicschool student shall earn one or more college or career readiness indicators approved by the State Board of Education, before graduation."





Revised Alabama High School Graduation Requirements

- 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 technical 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. Any additional College and Career Readiness (CCR) indicator approved by the Alabama State Board of Education.

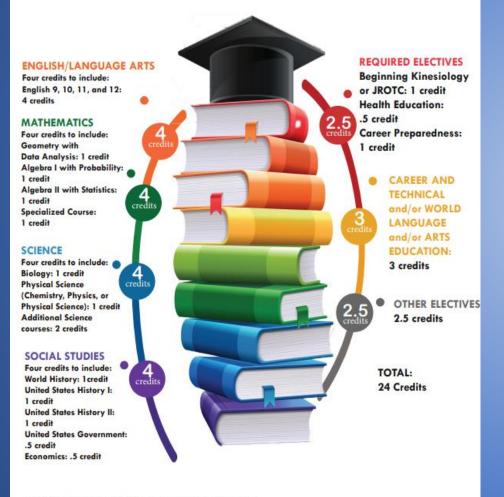


Alabama's Single Diploma



General Education Pathway

Alabama High School Graduation Requirements: General Education Pathway



Alabama High School Diploma General Education Pathway -- Diploma Credits Checklist

Student Name:

Anticipated Graduation Year:

Directions: Use the student's current transcript to mark off (\square) earned credits each semester. Each box represents one-half credit earned. Ensure that all graduation requirements are met before graduation.

	Course Requirements	
	Options include: Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate (IB)/Postsecondary courses/SDE-approved courses	
English/Language	English 9	
Arts	English 10	
Four credits to include:	English 11	
	English 12	
	Options include: Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics or Mathematics credit-eligible courses from Career & Technical Education/Advanced Placement/IB/Postsecondary courses/SDE-approved courses	
Mathematics	Geometry with Data Analysis	
Four credits to include:	Algebra I with Probability	= 1
	Algebra II with Statistics	
	Specialized Course	□ □ = 1
Science	Options include: Alabama Course of Study: Science or science credit-eligible courses from Career & Technical Education/Advanced Placement/ IB/Postsecondary courses/SDE- approved courses	
Four credits to include:	Biology	
	Physical Science (Chemistry, Physics, or Physical Science)	□ □ = 1
	Additional Science credit ()	
	Additional Science credit ()	□ □ = 1
	Options include: Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate (IB)/Postsecondary	
Social Studies	courses/SDE-approved courses	
Four credits to include:	World History	
	United States History I	□ □ = 1
	United States History II	
	United States Government	
	Economics	= 0.5
Required Electives	Beginning Kinesiology or JROTC	
	Health Education	= 0.5
	Career Preparedness	
	Career & Technical Education and/or World Language and/or Arts	
	Education (three credits)	
	Course:	
	Course:	
	Course:	
Additional Electives	Course:	
	Course:	= 0.5



Design adapted from South Dakota Department of Education

Essential Pathway

Alabama High School Graduation Requirements: Essentials Pathway

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ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

Four credits to include: English or English Essentials 9, 10, 11, and 12: 4 credits

MATHEMATICS

Four credits to include: Essentials Geometry with Data Analysis: 1 credit Essentials Algebra I with Probability: 1 credit Essentials Algebra II with Statistics: 1 credit Essentials Specialized Course: 1 credit

SCIENCE

Four credits to include: **Biology or Essentials** Biology: 1 credit **Physical Science** (Chemistry, Physics, or Physical Science) or Essentials Physical Science: 1 credit Addional Science course or Essentials Earth and Space Science or Essential **Environmental Science:** 1 credit Additional Science course or Essentials Human Anatomy & Physiology: 1 credit

SOCIAL STUDIES

Four credits to include:

World History or Essentials I: World History: 1 credit United States History I or Essentials II: US History to 1877: 1 credit United States History II or Essentials III US History from 1877: 1 credit United States Government or Essentials IV: US Government: .5 credit Economics or Essentials IV: Economics: .5 credit

REQUIRED ELECTIVES

Two and a half credits to include: Beginning Kinesiology or JROTC: 1 credit Health Education: .5 credit Career Preparedness: 1 credit

CAREER AND

EDUCATION: Four credits to include: Career & Technical Education: 2 credits Work Essentials or Transition Services: 1 credit Cooperative Education/

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1.5

Work-Based Learning or Essentials Career Preparation: 1 credit

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES 1.5 credits

TOTAL: 24 Credits

Alabama High School Diploma Essentials Pathway -- Diploma Credits Checklist

Student Name:

Anticipated Graduation Year:

Directions: Use the student's current transcript to mark off (\square) earned credits each semester. Each box represents one-half credit earned. Ensure that all graduation requirements are met before graduation.

	Course Requirements	
	Options include: General Education or SDE-approved Essentials courses	
English/Language	English 9 or English Essentials 9	
Arts	English 10 or English Essentials 10	
Four credits to include:	English 11 or English Essentials 11	
	English 12 or English Essentials 12	
	Options include: Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics or Mathematics credit-eligible courses from Career & Technical Education or SDE-approved Essentials courses	1
	Essentials Geometry with Data Analysis	
Mathematics	Essentials Algebra I with Probability	
Four credits to include:	Essentials Algebra II with Statistics	
Four creats to include.	Essentials Mathematical Modeling or Essentials Algebra with Finance, Career	
	Mathematics, or other mathematic credit eligible course from AL Mathematics COS,	🗆 🗆 =
	CTE, AP/IB, or postsecondary	
	Options include: Alabama Course of Study: Science or science credit-eligible courses from Career &	
Osismas	Technical Education Biology or Essentials Biology	
Science Four credits to include:	Physical Science (Chemistry, Physics, or Physical Science) or Essentials Physical	
rour creates to include.	Science	
	Additional Science credit () or Essentials Earth and Space Science	
	or Essentials Environmental Science	
	Additional Science credit () or Essentials Human Anatomy & Physiology	
	Options include: Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies or SDE-approved Essentials courses	
Social Studies	World History or Essentials I: World History	
Four credits to include:	United States History I or Essentials II: U.S. History to 1877	
	United States History II or Essentials III: U.S. History from 1877	
	United States Government or Essentials IV: U.S. Government	□ = 0 .
	Economics or Essentials IV: Economics	□ = 0 .
	Beginning Kinesiology or JROTC	
Required Electives	Health Education	□ = 0.
	Career Preparedness	
	Career & Technical Education (two credits)	
Career Technical	Course:	
Education	Course:	
	Workforce Readiness or Transition Services	
	Cooperative Education/Work-Based Learning or Essentials Career Preparation	
Additional	Course:	
Electives	Course:	□ = 0 .
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Essentials Pathway

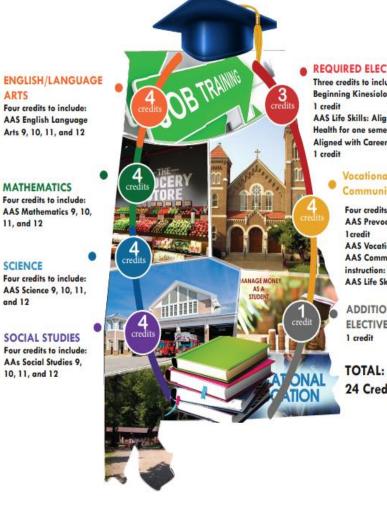
- Limited to a student with an individualized education program (IEP).
- Must complete all requirements of the pathway, including the work component.
- Must have a minimum of 140 hours of apprenticeship (paid) experience or 140 hours of internship (unpaid) experience.
- Essential courses are not fully aligned to the Alabama Courses of Study.
- May be accepted by most state community colleges but may not be accepted by most four-year institutions and may not be accepted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for eligibility purposes, or the Military, either active duty or reserves.
- Students that take at least one Essentials/Life Skills Core class must complete all requirements of the pathway, including the work component.



Alternate Achievement Standards Pathway

Student Name:

Alabama High School Graduation Requirements: Alternate Achievement Standards (AAS) Pathway



REQUIRED ELECTIVES Three credits to include:

Beginning Kinesiology or JROTC: AAS Life Skills: Aligned with Health for one semester: .5 credit Alianed with Career Preperation:

Vocational & Community Based:

Four credits to include: AAS Prevocational: 1 credit AAS Vocational: 1 credit **AAS** Community-based instruction: 1 credit AAS Life Skills: 1 credit

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE 1 credit

24 Credits

Alabama High School Diploma Alternate Achievement Standards Pathway -- Diploma Credits Checklist

Anticipated Graduation Year:

Directions: Use the student's current transcript to mark off () earned credits each semester. Each box represents one-half credit earned. Ensure that all graduation requirements are met before graduation.

	Course Requirements AAS: English Language Arts-9	
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English/Language Arts	AAS: English Language Arts-10	
Arts Four credits to include:	AAS: English Language Arts-11	
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Mathematics	AAS: Mathematics-10	
Four creats to include:	AAS: Mathematics-11	
	AAS: Mathematics-12	
	AAS: Science-9	
Science	AAS: Science-10	
Four credits to include:	AAS: Science-11	
	AAS: Science-12	
	AAS: Social Studies-9	
Social Studies	AAS: Social Studies-10	
Four credits to include:	AAS: Social Studies-11	
	AAS: Social Studies-12	
	Beginning Kinesiology OR JROTC	
Required Electives	AAS: Life Skills (aligned with Health for one semester)	
-	AAS: Life Skills (aligned with Career Preparation)	
	AAS: Prevocational	
Vocational &	AAS: Vocational	
Community-based	AAS: Community-based Instruction	
•	AAS: Life Skills	
	Additional elective:	
otal Credits should	be equal to 24 credits	Total Credits

Students pursuing the Alabama Alternate Achievement Standards Pathway must follow the Alabama Alternate Standards for their core content: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The courses for the AAS Life Skills, AAS Prevocational, AAS Vocational, AAS Community-Based Instruction, and/or AAS Elective Course are locally developed. Each class/school/LEA is expected to have course syllabi on file and documentation that the students completed the objectives. One of the locally developed AAS Life Skills courses should align to the topics in the Career Preparedness course that other students are required to take. This means it should include content related to Career and Academic Planning, Computer Applications, and Financial Literacy. (ALSDE Memorandum FY14-2057)



Selecting the **Highest**, Most **Appropriate Pathway Leading** to the Alabama **High School** Diploma

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Selecting the Highest, Most Appropriate Pathway Leading to the Alabama High School Diploma

Student Name:

This form is to be completed at the end of the eighth-grade school year, and reviewed annually, along with the student's four-year plan, an updated transcript, diploma credits checklist, and current transition information. Please check as all pathways are discussed.

School Year:

_____The IEP Team has considered the courses required for following the General Education Pathway with access to Advanced Placement (AP)/International Baccalaureate (IB)/Postsecondary Equivalent Courses leading to the Alabama High School Diploma (AHSD). The credits earned through the Alabama Courses of Study are designed to prepare students to be college and/or career ready. The awarding of an AHSD on the General Education Pathway ceases the local education agency's responsibility for providing a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

_____The IEP Team has considered the courses required for following the Essentials Pathway. The Essentials Pathway is limited to a student with an individualized education program [IEP]. A student following the Essentials Pathway must complete all requirements of the pathway, including the work component. The student must have a minimum of 140 hours of apprenticeship (paid) experience or 140 hours of internship (unpaid) experience. This pathway is designed to allow a student to participate in career/competitive employment. The content of the Essentials courses is not fully aligned to the Alabama Courses of Study. This diploma may be accepted by most state community colleges but may not be accepted by most four-year institutions and may not be accepted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for eligibility purposes, or the Military, either active duty or reserves. Students that take at least one Essentials/Life Skills Core class must complete all requirements of the pathway, including the work component.

_____The IEP Team has considered the courses required for following the Alternate Achievement Standards (AAS) Pathway. The AAS Pathway is limited to students with a significant cognitive disability. Since the content of the AAS courses is not fully aligned to the Alabama Courses of Study, this diploma will prepare a student for supported/competitive employment and postsecondary education for a student with an intellectual disability. (For a student following the AAS Pathway, the IEP Team has completed the Decision Making Tool.)

Based on the discussion from the IEP meeting, I understand and agree that:

The course requirements and outcomes for each pathway leading to the AHSD have been explained and discussed by the IEP Team.
 A credit-earning checklist for the student's appropriate pathway has been completed.

The IEP Team has considered all pathways and aligned the student's postsecondary goals with the appropriate courses of study to
determine the appropriate pathway leading to the AHSD.

 A student with a disability who has not earned the AHSD by completing the requirements of the General Education Pathway is entitled to a FAPE until the age of 21. A student following the Essentials or AAS Pathway who meets the requirements for graduation and who will be continuing beyond 12th grade may participate in the graduation ceremony and activities with his or her non-disabled peers.

e student will follow the	Pathway as of this date.	
Parent's Signature	Date	
Student's Signature	Date	
Case Manager's Signature	Date	1
Counselor's Signature	Date	
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Alabama Department of REHABILITATION SERVICES



Kay Ivey GOVERNOR Jane Elizabeth Burdeshaw COMMISSIONER

This letter is to inform you that because your child is a student receiving services under an *Individualized Education Program* (IEP) or 504 plan, he/she is eligible to receive Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) provided by Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) based on the individual need of the student, in collaboration with the local education agency (LEA) of your child's school. These services include Job Exploration Counseling, Workplace Readiness, Instruction in Self-Advocacy, Work Based Learning Opportunities and Counseling on Opportunities for Enrollment in Comprehensive Transition or Post-Secondary Educational Programs. Examples of Pre-ETS activities include: *learning about labor market and in-demand jobs, career interest inventories, workplace readiness, job seeking, financial literacy, learning about transportation options for work, job shadowing, work-based learning experiences, self-advocacy training, participation in student led enterprises, workplace tours, college tours, participating in work experiences, college prep and social skills training.*

Additionally, ADRS provides transition services to eligible Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) consumers. Eligibility determination documentation is required for your student to receive VR transition services. Evaluation data documentation required is the most recent IEP, Notice and Eligibility Decision Regarding Special Education Services, psychological, medical, educational, and or vocational records, annual transcripts, and class schedules. The student's social security number is required for VR eligibility. Examples of Transition services provided by ADRS include: vocational guidance and counseling, assistive technology and accommodations, financial assistance, post-secondary training, transportation assistance, supported employment or customized employment (if applicable) assistance with self-employment, job readiness preparation, job placement assistance, post-employment services, driver's education and training, vehicle modification, personal work adjustment, vocational needs assessment and job follow up services for maintaining employment.

Your signature gives permission for the LEA to release the above-mentioned documents to ADRS. Your signature also denotes that you understand that the information provided from your child's school will remain confidential between these entities and only what is minimally necessary will be obtained.

 Yes, my signature gives the LEA permission to invite ADRS to IEP/504 meetings for transition planning and to provide ADRS with required documents to determine eligibility for my child to receive preemployment and VR transition services.

Parent Signature

Date

 No, my signature declines my child's involvement with ADRS for pre-employment and transition services.

Parent Signature

Date

Memo for Consumer



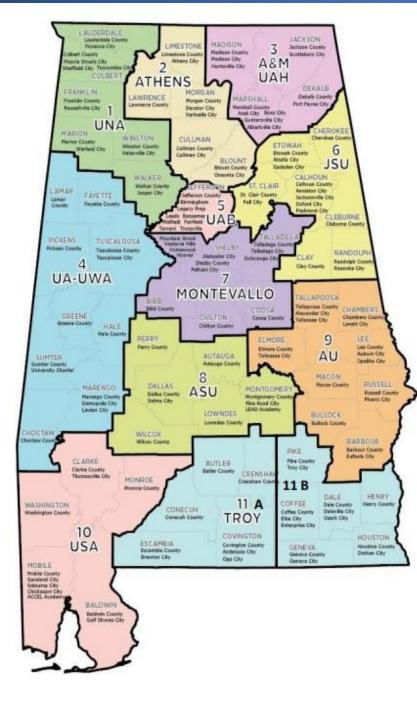
Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) and ALSDE Partnership

- Provides an opportunity for students entering the 9th grade to receive pre-employment transition services.
- Provides an opportunity for students and their parents to receive information on the services and benefits of ADRS.
- Provides students with the tools needed to accomplish postsecondary goals.



Special Education Services Resources and Tools https://bit.ly/3qHMzv8





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