

South Carolina Diploma Pathways Overview



Diploma Pathways

Student Eligibility
2018-19 Ninth
Graders
and beyond

Seals of Distinction

Optional for
students to pursue
one or more

- **SC Diploma Requirements for all (24 credits)**
- **Optional Seals of Distinction – multiple Seals available**
- **Optional Personal Pathways – possible innovative course options; approved by District/SCDE and align with student's post-secondary plan**

- **Honors Seal of Distinction**
- **College-Ready Seal of Distinction**
- **Career Seal of Distinction**
- **Specialization Seal of Distinction**
- **Each has a set of criteria for qualification**



DIPLOMA PATHWAYS SEALS OF DISTINCTION OVERVIEW

One or more Seals may be earned, but are not required for graduation.

*Consult District or School Curriculum Guides for more information regarding curriculum choices and requirements.

Honors Seal of Distinction	College-Ready Seal of Distinction	Career Seal of Distinction	Specialization Seal of Distinction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGP GPA 3.5 or higher <p>English- *4 Credits 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p>Math- *4 Credits 3 at honors or higher level (Alg. 2 as a prerequisite for the 4th higher level credit)</p> <p>Lab Science - *3 Credits 2 at honors or higher</p> <p>Social Studies- *3 Credits 2 at the honors or higher level</p> <p>World Languages - *2 Credits of the same language for class of 18-19 9th graders *3 Credits of the same language for entering 9th graders 19-20 and beyond</p> <p>Advanced Coursework- *4 credits of honors or higher in Jr/Sr. years (the last 2 years prior to graduation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGP GPA 3.0 or higher <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ACT (Composite Score) = 20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>SAT = 1020 (combined math and evidenced-based reading/writing scores)</p> <p>English- *4 Credits</p> <p>Math- *4 Credits Alg. 1 (or the equivalent of Alg. 1), Geometry, Alg.2 and 4th Math with Alg.2 or Integrated Math 3 as a prerequisite</p> <p>Lab Science- *3 Credits</p> <p>Social Studies- *3 Credits</p> <p>World Language- *2 Credits of the same language</p> <p>Fine Arts- *1 Credit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGP GPA 2.5 or higher <p>(Innovative courses <u>may</u> be approved and must align with student’s post secondary plan.)</p> <p>English- *4 Credits</p> <p>Math- *4 Credits</p> <p>Science- *3 Credits</p> <p>Social Studies- *3 Credits</p> <p>And</p> <p>Completion of an EEDA major</p> <p>And one of the following: Earn at least 1 industry-recognized credential</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Silver or higher on WIN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>A semester-long WBL placement credit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGP GPA 3.0 or higher (all areas) <p>(Complete one area to qualify)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM- *4 credits beyond required courses in math, science, and technology ; at least 2 at honors level or higher; may be in 1 area of STEM or across 4 areas • World Language- *4 credits in the <u>same language</u> and/or minimum ACTFL Exam score of “Intermediate Low” (or an equated score on STAMP or ASL assessment) ; Or AP exam score- 3 or higher Or IB exam score- 4 or higher before the senior year; <u>English Learners</u> – all criteria above and Level 5 composite ACCESS test score • Military- *4 credits in JROTC; and an ASVAB score of 31 or higher • Arts- *4 credits in single or multiple areas of the Arts; 2 or more at Honors or higher level; Mastery on external exam or performance task