



## **New SCHSL Academic Requirements – Effective for the 2023 Spring Season**

To participate in interscholastic activities, students in grades 9 – 12 must achieve an overall passing average and either:

1. Pass at least 4 academic courses, including each unit the student takes that is required for graduation; or
2. Pass a total of 5 academic courses.

Student athletes must satisfy these academic requirements in the semester preceding participation in the interscholastic activity.

### **Defined terms:**

- **Course** – Any approved course of instruction in the secondary curriculum, required and/or elective, for which one unit of credit or its equivalent is awarded on a yearly basis or one-half unit of credit, or its equivalent is awarded on a semester basis.
  - If more than one unit of credit is awarded on a yearly basis in a particular course, this subject shall count as more than one course.*
  - If more than one-half unit of credit is awarded on a semester basis in a particular course, this subject shall count as more than one course.*
- **Academic Course** – Those courses of instruction for which credit toward high school graduation is given. These may be required courses or approved electives.
- **Required Course** – Courses specifically mandated for a high school diploma by the State Department of Education (Defined Minimum Program).
  - Required courses:
    - 4 units - English/Language Arts
    - 4 units - Mathematics
    - 3 units - Science
    - 1 unit - US History and Constitution
    - 1 unit - Social Studies
    - ½ unit - Economics
    - ½ unit - Government
    - 1 unit - Physical Education or JROTC
    - 1 unit - Computer Science
    - 1 unit - Foreign Language or Career and Technology Education
- **Elective Course** – Any approved course of instruction NOT specifically mandated by the State Department of Education (Defined Minimum Program) in the secondary curriculum for which credit towards high school graduation is given. (Examples: Art, Driver’s Education, Band, Entrepreneurship)
- **Default Elective Course** – Any course specifically mandated for a high school diploma by the State Department of Education (Defined Minimum Program) that is above and beyond meeting the required number of courses. (Example: English Literature – after completing 4 English courses)



### **Block schedules (4 block, semester long classes)**

- A student taking 1 or 2 full credit required courses must pass those full credit required courses in order to be eligible. If a student takes more than 2 full credit required courses, they must pass at least 2 of the full credit required courses.
- If no required courses are taken, then the student must pass at least 2 full credit elective courses.

Or

- Pass a total of 3 full credit or 2.5 credit academic courses (required or electives)

### **Traditional schedule (8 period, yearlong classes)**

- A student taking 1 – 4 full credit required courses must pass those full credit required courses in order to be eligible. If a student takes more than 4 full credit required courses, they must pass at least 4 of the full credit required courses.
- If no required courses are taken, then the student must pass at least 4 full credit elective courses.

Or

- Pass a total of 5 full credit academic courses (required or electives)

### **Other notes:**

- Students will be able to take credit recovery during the summer time to get eligible for the Fall season. Credit recovery must be completed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in August. The student athlete cannot be added to the certificate of eligibility until he/she passes the credit recovery course. The student is unable to scrimmage or compete until added to the certificate of eligibility. The course taken for credit recovery must have been taken in the second semester.
- Students will be able to take credit recovery for Spring season eligibility. Credit recovery must be completed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March. The student athlete cannot be added to the certificate of eligibility until he/she passes the credit recovery course. The student is unable to scrimmage or compete until added to the certificate of eligibility. The course taken for credit recovery must have been taken in the first semester.
- Up to 2 units of credit recovery can be applied to eligibility per semester. A max of 4 units per academic year.

Students who are not successful with a unit during the semester, need to request their teacher to allow the student to complete unit recovery.

- English 101 will count as an elective. English 102 will count as the 4<sup>th</sup> English course.
- History 201 will count as an elective. History 202 will count as the US History and Constitution course.

For more information regarding the new academic requirements for athletic eligibility, please visit the SCHSL website for more information. <https://schsl.org/archives/8332>



### Block Schedule Examples (semester long classes)

<b>4 Classes Taken</b>	<b>3 Classes Taken</b>	<b>2 Classes Taken</b>
If 4 required courses and 0 electives taken <b>Must pass 2 or more required courses</b>	If 3 required courses and 0 electives taken <b>Must pass 2 or more required courses</b>	If 2 required courses and 0 electives taken <b>Must pass both required courses</b>
If 3 required courses and 1 elective taken <b>Must pass 2 or more required courses</b>	If 2 required courses and 1 elective taken <b>Must pass 2 required courses</b>	If 1 required course and 1 elective taken <b>Must pass both courses</b>
If 2 required courses and 2 electives taken Pass 2 required courses Or Pass 1 required course and 2 electives	If 1 required course and 2 electives taken <b>Must pass 1 required course and 1 or more electives</b>	If 0 required courses and 2 electives taken <b>Must pass both courses</b>
If 1 required course and 3 electives taken Pass 1 required course and 1 or more electives Or Pass 3 electives	If 0 required courses and 3 electives taken <b>Must pass 2 or more elective courses</b>	
If 0 required courses and 4 electives taken <b>Must pass 2 or more elective courses</b>		

\*The student athlete must have an overall passing average.

\*\*The chart above is based off of 1.0 credit courses.

\*\*\*A student athlete who is taking a combination of semester long and yearlong classes will need to contact the high school athletic director about their requirements.



**Traditional Schedule Examples (yearlong classes)**

<b>8 classes taken</b>	<b>7 classes taken</b>	<b>6 classes taken</b>	<b>5 classes taken</b>	<b>4 classes taken</b>
If 8 required courses and 0 electives taken Must pass 4 or more required courses	If 7 required courses and 0 electives taken Must pass 4 or more required courses	If 6 required courses and 0 electives taken Must pass 4 or more required courses	If 5 required courses and 0 electives taken Must pass 4 or more required courses	If 4 required courses and 0 electives taken Must pass all 4 required courses
If 7 required courses and 1 elective taken Must pass 4 or more required courses	If 6 required courses and 1 elective taken Must pass 4 or more required courses	If 5 required courses and 1 elective taken Must pass 4 or more required courses	If 4 required courses and 1 elective taken Must pass 4 required courses	If 3 required courses and 1 elective taken Must pass all 4 courses
If 6 required courses and 2 electives taken Pass 4 or more required courses Or Pass at least 3 required courses and both electives	If 5 required courses and 2 electives taken Pass 4 or more required courses Or Pass at least 3 required courses and both electives	If 4 required courses and 2 electives taken Pass 4 required courses Or Pass at least 3 required courses and both electives	If 3 required courses and 2 electives taken Must pass 3 required courses and 1 or more electives	If 2 required courses and 2 electives taken Must pass all 4 courses
If 5 required courses and 3 electives taken Pass 4 or more required courses Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 4 required courses and 3 electives taken Pass 4 required courses Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 3 required courses and 3 electives taken Pass 3 required courses and 1 or more electives Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 2 required courses and 3 electives taken Must pass 2 required courses and 2 or more electives	If 1 required course and 3 electives taken Must pass all 4 courses
If 4 required courses and 4 electives taken Pass 4 required courses Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 3 required courses and 4 electives taken Pass 3 required courses and 1 or more electives Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 2 required courses and 4 electives taken Pass 2 required courses and 2 or more electives Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 1 required course and 4 electives taken Must pass 1 required course and 3 or more electives	If 0 required courses and 4 electives taken Must pass all 4 courses
If 3 required courses and 5 electives taken Pass 3 required courses and 1 or more electives Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 2 required courses and 5 electives taken Pass 2 required courses and 2 or more electives Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 1 required course and 5 electives taken Pass 1 required course and 3 or more electives Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 0 required courses and 5 electives taken Must pass 4 or more electives	
If 2 required courses and 6 electives taken Pass 2 required courses and 2 or more electives Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 1 required course and 6 electives taken Pass 1 required course and 3 or more electives Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 0 required courses and 6 electives taken Must pass 4 or more electives		
If 1 required course and 7 electives taken Pass 1 required course and 3 or more electives Or Pass at least 5 courses	If 0 required courses and 7 electives taken Must pass 4 or more electives			
If 0 required courses and 8 electives taken Must pass 4 or more electives				

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