

NEW South Dakota High School 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, a double major or even a triple major! Let's take a look at what the new high school graduation requirements might look like for Redfield High School students.

REDFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Within Required Credits, Must Include:	Total Credits Required
English	1.0 credit English 1 0.5 credit English 2 0.5 credit English 2 (Speech) 1.0 credit English 3 1.0 credit English 4	4.0 credits
Mathematics	1.0 credit Algebra 1	3.0 credits
Science*	1.0 credit Biology	3.0 credits
Social Studies	0.5 credit World Geography 0.5 credit World History 1.0 credit US History 1.0 credit U.S. Government	3.0 credits
Fine Arts		1.0 credit
Physical Education		0.5 credit
Health		0.5 credit
Intro to Business (CTE)		0.5 credit
Employability (CTE)		0.5 credit
Personal Finance		0.5 credit
Electives		5.5 credits
TOTAL		22 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.)*

****The Shaded Areas Indicate The Differences In Requirements For Each Endorsement.****

Subject	ADVANCED ENDORSEMENT		ADVANCED CAREER ENDORSEMENT		ADVANCED HONORS ENDORSEMENT	
	Within Required Credits MUST Include:	Total Credits Required	Within Required Credits MUST Include:	Total Credits Required	Within Required Credits MUST Include:	Total Credits Required
English	1.0 credit English 1 0.5 credit English 2 0.5 credit English 2 (Speech) 1.0 credit English 3 1.0 credit English 4	4.0 credits	1.0 credit English 1 0.5 credit English 2 0.5 credit English 2 (Speech) 1.0 credit English 3 1.0 credit English 4	4.0 credits	1.0 credit English 1 0.5 credit English 2 0.5 credit English 2 (Speech) 1.0 credit English 3 1.0 credit English 4	4.0 credits
Mathematics	1.0 credit Algebra 1 1.0 credit Geometry 1.0 credit Algebra 2	3.0 credits	1.0 credit Algebra 1	3.0 credits	1.0 credit Algebra 1 1.0 credit Geometry 1.0 credit Algebra 2 1.0 credit Math	4.0 credits
Science	1.0 credit Biology 2.0 credit other Lab Science	3.0 credits	1.0 credit Biology	3.0 credits	1.0 credit Biology 1.0 credit any Physical Science 1.0 credit Chemistry 1.0 credit Lab Science Elective	4.0 credits
Social Studies	1.0 credit U.S. Government 1.0 credit of U.S. History	3.0 credits	1.0 credit U.S. Government 1.0 credit of U.S. History	3.0 credits	1.0 credit U.S. Government 1.0 credit of U.S. History 0.5 credit World Geography 0.5 credit World History	3.0 credits
Fine Arts		1.0 credit		1.0 credit		1.0 credit
Physical Education		0.5 credit		0.5 credit		0.5 credit
Health		0.5 credit		0.5 credit		0.5 credit
Employability (CTE)		0.5 credit		0.5 credit		0.5 credit
Intro to Business (CTE)		0.5 credit		0.5 credit		0.5 credit
Personal Finance		0.5 credit		0.5 credit		0.5 credit
Approved CTE – OR – World Language *Employability and Intro to Business qualify to meet the 1.0 credit of CTE requirement*		1.0 credit	2 credits of either of the following or a combination of the two: - Approved CTE credits from the same career cluster - Employability and Intro to Business qualify to meet 1.0 credit of CTE requirement AND Attainment of an industry recognized credential <u>OR</u> National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) of Silver or higher	2.0 credit	2 credits of either of the following or a combination of the two: - Approved CTE courses - Modern or Classical Language (including Sign Language); units MUST be in the same language - Employability and Intro to Business qualify to meet 1.0 credit of CTE requirement	2.0 credit
Electives		5.5 credits		4.5 credits		2.5 credits
TOTAL		22 credits		22 credits		22 credits

