

Alabama High School Diploma Requirements

Graduation Requirements	Course Options
English Language Arts <i>4 credits required</i>	-English 9 or Advanced English 9 -English 10 or Advanced English 10 -English 11, AP English Language, or College English -English 12, AP English Literature, or College English
Mathematics <i>4 credits required: must include completion of Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra II</i>	- Geometry with Data Analysis or Advanced Geometry - Algebra I or Advanced Algebra -Algebra II with Statistics or Advanced Algebra II -Senior math credit may be earned from these options: Finite Math, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, Computer Science, or College Math
Science <i>4 credits required: must include a Biological science, a Physical Science, and 2 additional sciences</i>	-Biology or Advanced Biology -Physical Science or Advanced Chemistry -Year 3 & 4 options: Human Anatomy, Environmental Science *Medical Anatomy, *AP Biology, *AP Environmental, *Earth & Space Honors, or *College Science (BIO 101-102) *These are not all offered every year
Social Studies <i>4 credits required; must include World, 2 credits US, ½ credit Gov, and ½ credit Econ</i>	-World History -US History I OR Advanced US History OR HI 201 (UNITED STATES HISTORY I) -US History II OR AP US History OR HI 202 (UNITED STATES HISTORY II) -Government (1 semester) and Economics (1 semester)
Other Required Courses:	
HEALTH (.5)	Health (half-credit course) OR Human Body Structures course at LCCT
PE (1)	Beginning Kinesiology, Athletic PE, JROTC, or Marching Band
Career Preparedness (1)	Career Prep Course (1 credit) -Includes Computer Application, Career / Academic Planning, & Financial Literacy -Encompasses the state’s online learning/digital literacy requirement
AREA 5 (3)	<u>Career Tech and / or Foreign Language and /or Arts Education</u> (at least 3 credits) Students must earn at least 3 credits from among these areas. Any combination from these areas is accepted, or all from one area.
Additional Requirements:	
Pass Civics Exam	Every senior must successfully complete the US Civics Exam (Senior Gov. class)
Pass Financial Literacy Exam	Class of 2028 and following (Exam is given in 9 th grade Career Prep class)
College and Career Readiness	<u>Class of 2026 and following must meet a CCR benchmark in order to graduate:</u> College Course Completion AP Score of 3 Workkeys Silver Level (all 4’s) Career Tech Credential 3-Credit CT Cluster Military Enlistment At least one ACT benchmark (ENG 18; MTH 22; RDG 22; SCI 23)
FAFSA Completion	Every senior must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or the waiver
TOTAL CREDITS	26 required for Graduation (Lawrence County BOE)

Course Weight Policy:

Advanced/ Honors Courses: Numeric Grade +5 calculated toward Numeric GPA (.5 added to 4.0 scale)
 AP Core Courses: Numeric Grade +10 calculated toward Numeric GPA (1.0 added to 4.0 scale)
 College Courses: Core- weighted +10 Elective- weighted +5

Graduation Honors: based on Exact CORE weighted GPA* at end of first semester of 12th grade

Cum Laude: 95.0 – 97.9
 Magna Cum Laude: 98.0 – 100.9
 Summa Cum Laude: 101+

*CORE GPA: includes Math, English, Science, and History classes

**Official Final Class Rank is based on the OVERALL numeric weighted GPA at the end of first semester of 12th grade.
 Graduation Honors status is based on the CORE-ONLY WEIGHTED GPA at the end of first semester of 12th grade.**