

# South Dakota High School Graduation Requirements

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## LANGUAGE ARTS must include:

Writing: 1 unit  
Speech or Debate: .5 unit  
Literature: 1 unit (must include  
1 unit American Literature)  
Language Arts electives: 1.5 units

4  
UNITS

## MATHEMATICS must include:

Algebra I: 1 unit  
Mathematics electives: 2 units

3  
UNITS

## SCIENCE must include:

Biology: 1 unit  
Science electives\*: 2 units

3  
UNITS

## SOCIAL STUDIES must include:

U.S. History: 1 unit  
U.S. Government: .5 unit  
Social Studies electives: 1.5 units

3  
UNITS

1  
UNIT

## ANY COMBINATION of the following:

Approved CTE  
Capstone Experience  
World Language

1  
UNIT

## FINE ARTS

1/2  
UNIT OF  
EACH

## PERSONAL FINANCE or ECONOMICS

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## HEALTH or HEALTH INTEGRATION

5 1/2  
UNITS

## ELECTIVES

**TOTAL:  
22 UNITS**

\*A state-approved advanced computer science course may be substituted for one unit of a science elective, but may not replace Biology. A list of approved courses is available at <http://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements>.

Students are required to meet the above High School Diploma requirements, also known as the 'base diploma'. Students may earn advanced endorsements with their high school diploma. A student's personal learning plan must document a minimum of 22 credits that include the above requirements.

\*\* Advanced Endorsements Available