

The Board desires that its standards for graduation meets or exceeds the minimum standards of the South Dakota Department of Education.

Under the Administrative rules of South Dakota all students in grades 9 through 12 must have a Personal Learning Plan. The Personal Learning Plan must document a minimum of 22 units of credit for graduation.

It is the student's responsibility to know if all requirements for graduation from high school and post-high school admissions are being met. It is also the student's responsibility to register for the courses required for each grade level. Teachers, the counselor or principal will offer guidance in determining if class registration supports career plans and graduation requirements. The ultimate responsibility for a proper registration rests with the student.

The minimum requirements for graduation from Viborg-Hurley High School is 22 units of credit.

All students who graduate from Viborg-Hurley High School will be required to successfully complete the following:

- 1 Unit of **Government**
- 1 Unit of **Personal Finance/Economics**
- 1 Unit of **Capstone Experience**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (base diploma)

The following courses, according to the South Dakota Administrative Rules, will be required for students graduating during the 2020-21 school year and beyond:

High School Graduation Requirements		
4 Units- Language Arts	Must include: Writing Speech or Debate Literature (must include .5 unit of Am.Lit.)	(1 Unit) (.5 Unit) (1 Unit)
3 Units- Mathematics	Must include: Algebra I	(1 Unit)
3 Units- Science*	Must include: Biology	(1 Unit)
3 Units- Social Studies	Must include: U.S. History U.S. Government	(1 Unit) (.5 Unit)
1 Unit	Any combination of the following:	

	Approved Career and Technical Education Capstone Experience World Language	
1 Unit	Fine Arts	
.5 Unit	Personal Finance or Economics	
.5 Unit	Physical Education	
.5 Unit	Health or Health Integration	
5.5 Units	Electives	
* A state-approved advanced computer science course may be substituted for one unit of science, but may not replace Biology.		

ADVANCED ENDORSEMENTS

In addition to the base requirements for the High School Diploma, students may earn advanced endorsements that are in alignment with the student's personal learning plan.

Advanced endorsements outline specific coursework within the base diploma requirements to denote specific emphases. Students may earn one or more of three advanced endorsements:

Advanced Endorsement: Indicates a student has pursued coursework consistent with entrance requirement 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 South Dakota law requirements for opportunity scholarship eligibility.

Advanced Endorsement Requirements		
4 Units- Language Arts	Must include: Writing Speech or Debate Literature (must include .5 unit of Am.Lit.)	(1 Unit) (.5 Unit) (1 Unit)
3 Units- Mathematics	Must include: Algebra I Geometry Algebra II	(1 Unit) (1 Unit) (1 Unit)
3 Units- Science	Must include: Biology Laboratory Sciences	(1 Unit) (2 Units)

3 Units- Social Studies	Must include: U.S. History U.S. Government	(1 Unit) (.5 Unit)
1 Unit	Any combination of the following: Approved Career and Technical Education Capstone Experience World Language	
1 Unit	Fine Arts	
.5 Unit	Personal Finance or Economics	
.5 Unit	Physical Education	
.5 Unit	Health or Health Integration	
5.5 Units	Electives	

Advanced Career Endorsement Requirements		
4 Units- Language Arts	Must include: Writing Speech or Debate Literature (must include .5 unit of Am. Lit.)	(1 Unit) (.5 Unit) (1 Unit)
3 Units- Mathematics	Must include: Algebra I	(1 Unit)
3 Units- Science*	Must include: Biology	(1 Unit)
3 Units- Social Studies	Must include: U.S. History U.S. Government	(1 Unit) (.5 Unit)
2 Units	Any combination of the following: Approved Career and Technical Education units from the same career cluster OR Capstone Experience	

Attainment	An industry-recognized credential or National Career Readiness Certificate of Silver or higher	
1 Unit	Fine Arts	
.5 Unit	Personal Finance or Economics	
.5 Unit	Physical Education	
.5 Unit	Health or Health Integration	
4.5 Units	Electives	
* A state-approved advanced computer science course may be substituted for one unit of science, but may not replace <i>Biology</i> .		

Advanced Honors Endorsement Requirements		
All high school coursework completed with a “C” or higher		
4 Units- Language Arts	Must include: Writing Speech or Debate Literature (must include .5 unit of Am. Lit.) Language Arts electives	(1.5 Units) (.5 Unit) (1.5 Units) (.5 Unit)
4 Units- Mathematics	Must include: Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Advanced Mathematics	(1 Unit) (1 Units) (1 Unit) (1 Unit)
4 Units- Science	Must include: Biology Any Physical Science Chemistry or Physics Science electives	(1 Unit) (1 Unit) (1 Unit) (1 Unit)
3 Units- Social Studies	Must include: U.S. History U.S. Government World History Geography Social Studies electives	(1 Unit) (.5 Unit) (.5 Unit) (.5 Unit) (.5 Unit)
2 Units	Any combination of the following: Approved Career and Technical Education OR	

	Modern or Classical Language (including American Sign Language); units must be in the same language	
1 Unit	Fine Arts	
.5 Unit	Personal Finance or Economics	
.5 Unit	Physical Education	
.5 Unit	Health or Health Integration	
2.5 Units	Electives	

Academic core content credit may be earned by completing an approved career and technical education course. Approval to offer credit must be obtained through an application process with the Department of Education.

Students may be granted up to one credit in Fine Arts for participation in extracurricular activities. A maximum of ¼ credit may be granted for each extracurricular activity each school year. Documentation of the alignment of the activity with SD Department of Education-approved fine arts content standards must first be made.

The Board may waive one or more graduation requirement for senior students who transfer from another state, who have met the standards in the state, and who are unable to meet the graduation requirements set by the state board because of time and scheduling constraints but not due to course failure.

Any advanced endorsement earned must be listed on the high school transcript.

Students who are unable to meet the graduation requirements will not be permitted to participate in graduation exercises.

EARLY GRADUATION

Students who will meet the graduation requirements by the end of their first semester senior year or final semester of the junior year must submit a letter of application to the Principal not later than the end of the first semester of the junior year. This letter must be signed by the student's parents and have the approval of the guidance counselor, at least one classroom teacher and the Principal. The student may be graduated early at the discretion of the Board.

Courses may not be counted more than once to fulfill high school graduation requirements. A course may however count to meet both the base high school diploma and advanced endorsement(s) requirements. For example; Algebra I can meet both the high school diploma requirement and any or all of the advanced endorsement requirements.

State Reference

ARSD 24:43:01:01	ARSD 24:43:11	SDCL 13-1-12.1	SDCL 13-3-1.4
SDCL 13-3-47	SDCL 13-33-1	SDCL 13-33-19	SDCL 13-55-47
SDCL 13-55-48	SDCL 13-55-49	SDCL 13-55-50	SDCL 13-55-51

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