

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, or 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 Central High School students.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Within Required Credits, Must Include:	Total Credits Required
English	0.5 credit English 1 0.5 credit Speech 1.0 credit English 2 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 History 0.5 credit World Geography 0.5 credit Social Studies Elective 0.5 credit U.S. Government 1.0 credit of U.S. History	3.0 credits
Fine Arts		1.0 credit
Physical Education		1.0 credit
Health		1.0 credit
Computers		1.0 credit
Personal Finance OR Economics		0.5 credit
Approved CTE – OR – World Language – OR – Capstone Experience		1.0 credit
Electives		6.5 credits
TOTAL		25 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.