

**APPENDIX A-4
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
STANDARD 14
MISSISSIPPI EARLY EXIT DIPLOMA
(ending with incoming ninth graders in 2017-2018)**

Qualification for a Mississippi Early Exit Diploma signifies to students that they are ready to do college level work without remediation and opens up a variety of education and career pathways within and beyond high school.

In order to qualify for a Mississippi Early Exit Diploma, in addition to earning the Carnegie units listed below, students must meet college- and career-qualification scores in all core content areas on a series of end-of-course exams and/or the required benchmarks for college readiness on the ACT (18 in English Composition; 22 in Mathematics; 22 in Reading; 23 in Science) or Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) approved college entrance exam.

Enrollment in online and correspondence courses listed in this book must have prior approval granted by the principal.

CURRICULUM AREA	CARNEGIE UNITS	REQUIRED SUBJECTS
ENGLISH	2	English II (equivalent Course)
MATHEMATICS	3	Algebra I (Equivalent Course)
SCIENCE	2	Biology I (Equivalent Course)
SOCIAL STUDIES	2½	1 World History 1 U.S. History (Equivalent Courses) ½ Mississippi Studies
HEALTH and PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1	Any combination of Health and Physical Education
TECHNOLOGY or COMPUTER SCIENCE	1	
THE ARTS	1	
ELECTIVES	5	(Should focus on college admission or national certification requirements)
TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED	17½	