

# Pass Christian Public School District Diploma Options

Classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021

Each student graduating from Pass Christian High School will have earned the required Carnegie units as specified in the following tables:

## College Preparatory STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

CURRICULUM AREA	CARNEGIE UNITS	REQUIRED SUBJECTS
English	4 <sup>1</sup>	English I; English II
Mathematics	4 <sup>2</sup>	Algebra I or Integrated Math
Science	4 <sup>3</sup>	Biology I
Social Studies	4 <sup>4</sup>	1 World History <sup>4</sup> 1 U.S. History <sup>4</sup> ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics <sup>5</sup> ½ Geography <sup>4</sup> ½ Mississippi Studies <sup>4</sup>
Health and Physical Education	1 <sup>7,8,9</sup>	½ Contemporary Health and 1/2 Physical Education
Business and Technology	1 <sup>10</sup>	ICT II, 9 <sup>th</sup> STEM, Technology Foundations, or ½ Keyboarding and 1/2 Computer Applications <sup>1/2</sup> <sup>10</sup>
The Arts	1 <sup>11</sup>	Any approved 500.000 course
Electives	9 <sup>12</sup>	
Total Units Required	28	

1 Compensatory English, Compensatory Reading, and Compensatory Writing may not be included in the four (4) English courses required for graduation; however, these courses may be included in the five (5) general electives required for graduation. Beginning school year 2014-2015, Compensatory English may only be taken if a credit-bearing English course is taken in the same school year. Accelerated English 9 can be accepted in lieu of English I. Accelerated English 10 and AP English Language Composition can be accepted in lieu of English II. Beginning school year 2010-2011 for all entering ninth graders, English I is a required prerequisite course for English II. English I may not be taken after a student completes English II.

2 Compensatory Mathematics, Introduction to Engineering, and any developmental mathematics course may not be included in the four (4) mathematics courses required for graduation; however, these courses may be included in the five (5) general electives required for graduation. Beginning school year 2014-2015, Compensatory Mathematics may only be taken if a credit-bearing Math course is taken in the same school year. Math 8 cannot be taken after Algebra I or Integrated Math I. Beginning school year 2007-2008 for all entering eighth graders, at least two (2) of the four (4) required mathematics courses must be higher than Algebra I or Integrated Math I. Effective with ninth graders of 2010-2011, Survey of Mathematical Topics may not be included in the two (2) math courses higher than Algebra I. The allowable mathematics courses that can be taken which are higher than Algebra I or Integrated Math I are: Geometry, Integrated Math II, Algebra II, Integrated Math III, CCSS Advanced Math Plus, Algebra III, SREB Math Ready, Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, and AP Statistics. Advanced Algebra, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Discrete Mathematics, and Statistics meet this requirement if taken prior to the 2015-2016 school year. MYP Geometry, MYP Algebra II, IB-DP Mathematics I, IB-DP Mathematics II, IB-DP Mathematical Studies I, and IB-DP

Mathematical Studies II are allowable mathematics courses higher than Algebra I for IB students. One (1) of the four (4) required mathematics units may be in Architecture & Drafting if the student completes the two-course sequence for Architecture & Drafting I & II. One (1) of the four (4) required mathematics units may be in Survey of Mathematical Topics; however, this course does not meet the mathematics requirement for admission to institutions of higher learning. Effective with the eighth graders of 2004-2005, Pre-Algebra, Transition to Algebra, and Algebra I may be taken in the eighth grade for Carnegie unit credit. Pre-Algebra, Transition to Algebra, and Survey of Mathematical Topics are no longer available after the 2013-2014 school year. Carnegie units may be earned by seventh and eighth graders effective with school year 2014-2015 for the following courses: CCSS Compacted Math Grade 7, CCSS Math Grade 8, CCSS Compacted Math Grade 8 (with Integrated Math I), and CCSS Math Grade 8(with Algebra I/Traditional). Effective with the eighth graders of 2008-2009, Geometry may be taken in the eighth grade for Carnegie unit credit. Effective with 7th graders of 2012-13, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Biology I, ICT II (Information & Communication Technology), and first-year Foreign Language may be taken in the 7th grade for Carnegie unit credit provided the course content is the same as the high school course. Effective with 8th graders of 2012-2013, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) and second-year Foreign Language may be taken in the 8th grade for Carnegie unit credit provided the course content is the same as the high school course. Effective with 8th graders of 2013-2014, Introduction to Agriscience may be taken for Carnegie unit credit provided the course content is the same as the high school course.

3 One (1) unit may be in Concepts of Agriscience or Introduction to Agriscience, and a second unit may be earned by completing two (2) of the following three (3) courses: Science of Agriculture Plants, Science of Agriculture Animals, and Science of Agricultural Environment. Two (2) units may be in the following courses if the student completes the required course sequence ending with Healthcare & Clinical Services II, Aquaculture II, Forestry II, Robotics/Engineering II, Polymer Science II or Careers in Polymer Science, Horticulture II or Horticulture Landscape and Turf grass, Engineering II or Applied Engineering Concepts, Health Sciences II or Workplace and Employment Skills in Health Sciences. Beginning school year 2008-2009 for all entering eighth graders, one (1) unit must be a lab-based physical science. The allowable lab-based physical science courses are Physical Science, Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Physics, AP Physics B, AP Physics C – Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C – Mechanics, Polymer Science II, and Robotics/Engineering II. IB-DP Physics I, IB-DP Physics II, MYP Chemistry, and IB-DP Chemistry may be accepted as allowable lab-based physical science courses for students enrolled in the IB program. MYP Biology and IB-DP Biology I may be accepted in lieu of the Biology I requirement for students enrolled in an IB program. Effective with school year 2013-14, up to two (2) of the four (4) required science units (excluding Biology I) may be earned by completing Agriculture and Natural Resources I & II. One (1) credit allowed shall be awarded for Biology II, one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit shall be awarded for Botany, and one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit shall be awarded for Field Experiences in Science. Effective with eighth graders of school year 2013-14, Introduction to Agriscience may be taken in the eighth grade for Carnegie unit credit.

4 Based on the 2011 *Mississippi Social Studies Framework*, A.P. World History can be accepted in lieu of the required World History from the Age of Enlightenment to Present course. A.P. United States History can be accepted in lieu of the required U.S. History from Post-reconstruction to Present course. A.P. Government and Politics: United States can be accepted in lieu of the required United States Government course. A.P. Macroeconomics or A.P. Microeconomics can be taken in lieu of the required Economics course. A.P. Human Geography can be accepted in lieu of the required Geography course. MYP World Geography is accepted in lieu of the required Geography course for students enrolled in the IB program. IB-DP History of the Americas I is accepted in lieu of the required U.S. History course for students enrolled in the IB program. IB-DP History of the Americas II is accepted in lieu of the required Mississippi Studies, Economics, and/or U.S. Government courses for students enrolled in the IB program. MYP U.S. Government is accepted in lieu of the required Government course for students enrolled in the IB program. Effective with eighth graders of school year 2013-14, Mississippi Studies and Geography may be taken in the eighth grade for Carnegie unit credit.

5 Credit earned for Business Fundamentals or Business Fundamentals II may be accepted in lieu of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) unit in Economics.

6 The credit earned for a State/Local Government course in any other state by an out-of-state transfer student who enters after the sophomore year can stand in lieu of Mississippi Studies or Mississippi State and Local Government. If the transfer student took a State/Local Government course in a grade level that did not award Carnegie unit credit, then any other one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) unit social studies course may be accepted. An out-of-state student who transfers after the junior year may substitute any other one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) unit social studies course.

7 Credit earned in Healthcare & Clinical Services I, Health Sciences I, or Theory and Application of Health Sciences I may be accepted in lieu of Contemporary Health to meet the graduation requirement for one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Carnegie unit in Health.

8 Successful completion of JROTC I and JROTC II may be accepted in lieu of Contemporary Health to meet the graduation requirement for one-half (½) Carnegie unit in Health beginning in the 2010-2011 school year and thereafter.

9 Comprehensive Health or Family and Individual Health meet the health requirement if taken prior to the 2014-2015 school year. The graduation requirement for one-half (½) unit in physical education may include participation in interscholastic athletic activities, band, dance and JROTC that meet the instructional requirements specified in the *Fitness through Physical Education Framework* and that are sanctioned by the Mississippi High School Activities Association.

10 Evidence of proficiency in technology is accepted in lieu of the required courses if the student earns one (1) unit in a technology-rich academic or career technical course related to their program of study. Effective with school year 2012-2013, a Carnegie unit credit for ICT II (Information & Communication Technology) may be awarded to 7th grade students. Effective with school year 2012-2013, a Carnegie unit credit for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) may be awarded to 8th grade students. ICT II may be accepted in lieu of Computer Discovery. A Carnegie unit earned for STEM in the 8th or 9th grade meets this graduation requirement. Technology Foundations replaces Computer Discovery, Keyboarding, and Computer Applications, and meets this graduation requirement when taken in grades 8-12. MYP Computer Discovery may be accepted in lieu of Computer Discovery for students enrolled in an IB program. Computer Discovery meets this requirement if taken prior to the 2012-2013 school year.

11 Beginning school year 2015-2016, and thereafter, Digital Media may be accepted in lieu of the art requirement for students.

12 Only one (1) elective unit in physical education including participation in interscholastic athletic activities, band, performance choral, dance or JROTC that meet the instructional requirements specified in the *Fitness through Physical Education Framework* and that are sanctioned by the Mississippi High School Activities Association may be applied each year to the minimum 24 required state units. If a local district has graduation requirements above the state requirements, they may award additional credits as outlined in the local Board policy.

## Career Pathway STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Beginning school year 2011-2012 and ending with entering ninth graders 2016-2017, students may complete the following Career Pathway requirements for a standard diploma. No more than one (1) of the minimum required number of units may be earned through completion of an approved correspondence course.

*NOTE: Mississippi's Institution of Higher Learning requirements differ from minimum requirements for this diploma pathway.*

CURRICULUM AREA	CARNEGIE UNITS	REQUIRED SUBJECTS
English	4 <sup>1</sup>	English I; English II
Mathematics	3 <sup>2</sup>	Algebra I or Integrated Math I
Science	3 <sup>3</sup>	Biology I
Social Studies	3 <sup>4,5</sup>	1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Mississippi Studies
Health, and Physical Education	½ <sup>6</sup>	½ Contemporary Health, or ½ Physical Education
Career and Technical	4 <sup>7</sup>	(Selected from Student's Program of Study)
Business and Technology	1 <sup>8</sup>	ICT II, 9 <sup>th</sup> STEM, Technology Foundations or ½ Keyboarding and ½ Computer Applications
Additional Electives	2 ½ <sup>9</sup>	Courses selected from the student's approved program of study.
Total Units Required	21	

1 Compensatory English, Compensatory Reading, and Compensatory Writing shall not be included in the four (4) English courses required for graduation. Beginning school year 2014-2015, Compensatory English may only be taken if a credit-bearing English course is taken in the same school year. The two (2) additional English credits must be from the student's program of study which includes Technical Writing, Creative Writing, English III, English IV, or any college-level dual credit courses.

2 Compensatory Mathematics may not be included in the three (3) mathematics courses required for graduation. Beginning school year 2014-2015, Compensatory Mathematics may only be taken if a credit-bearing Math course is taken in the same school year. Math 8 cannot be taken after Algebra I or Integrated Math I. For students pursuing the Career Pathway Graduation Option, at least one (1) of the required mathematics courses must be above Algebra I or Integrated Math I and selected from the student's program of study. The allowable mathematics courses that can be taken which are higher than Algebra I or Integrated Math I are: Geometry, Integrated Math II, Algebra II, Integrated Math III, CCSS Advanced Math Plus, Algebra III, SREB Math Ready, Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, and AP Statistics, or any college-level dual credit courses. Survey of Mathematical Topics, Advanced Algebra, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Discrete Mathematics, and Statistics meet this requirement if taken prior to the 2015-2016 school year. Effective with the eighth graders of 2004-2005, Pre-Algebra, Transition to Algebra, and Algebra I may be taken in the eighth grade for Carnegie unit credit. Effective with the eighth graders of 2008-2009, Geometry may be taken in the eighth grade for Carnegie unit credit. Pre-Algebra and Transition to Algebra are no longer available after the 2013-2014 school year. Carnegie units may be earned by seventh and eighth graders effective with school year 2014-2015 for the following courses: CCSS Compacted Math Grade 7, CCSS Math Grade 8, CCSS Compacted Math Grade 8 (with Integrated Math I), and CCSS Math Grade 8 (with Algebra I/Traditional).

3 For students pursuing the Career Pathway Graduation Option, at least one (1) of the required science courses must be above Biology I and selected from the student's program of study. If a student's program of study allows, one (1) unit may be in Concepts of Agriscience (AEST). A second science unit may be earned by completing a two-course sequence selected from the following options: Science of Agricultural Animals, Science of Agricultural Plants, or Science of Agricultural Environment. Two (2) units may be in the following courses if the student completes the two-course sequence: Healthcare & Clinical Services I & II, Health Science I & II; Aquaculture I & II; Forestry I & II; Horticulture I & II; Polymer Science I & II; and Engineering I & II. Effective with school year 2013-14, up to two (2) of the three (3) required science units (excluding Biology I) may be earned by completing Agriculture and Natural Resources I & II. One (1) credit allowed shall be awarded for Biology II, and one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit shall be awarded for Botany, and one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit shall be awarded for Field Experiences in Science. Effective with eighth graders of school year 2013-14, Introduction to Agriscience may be taken in the eighth grade for Carnegie unit credit.

4 AP U.S. History is accepted in lieu of the required U.S. History Post-reconstruction to Present. The third social studies credit should be selected based on the student's program of study.

5 The credit earned for a State/Local Government course in any other state by an out-of-state transfer student who enters after the sophomore year can stand in lieu of Mississippi Studies or Mississippi State and Local Government. If the transfer student took a State/Local Government course in a grade level that did not award Carnegie unit credit, then any other one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) unit social studies course may be accepted. An out-of-state student who transfers after the junior year may substitute any other one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) unit social studies course. Credit earned for Business Fundamentals or Business Fundamentals II may be accepted in lieu of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) unit in Economics. Effective with eighth graders of school year 2013-14, Mississippi Studies, Geography and Introduction to Agriscience may be taken in the eighth grade for Carnegie unit credit.

6 Credit earned in Healthcare & Clinical Services I/Health Science I may be accepted in lieu of Contemporary Health to meet the graduation requirement for one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Carnegie unit in Health. Interscholastic athletic activities, band, and ROTC, if they meet the instructional requirements specified in the *Fitness through Physical Education Framework*, may also be accepted.

7 Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses must be based on the student's program of study and should include dual credit/dual enrollment options as found in Section 37-15-38 of the *Mississippi Code of 1972*.

8 Evidence of proficiency in technology is accepted in lieu of the required courses if the student earns one (1) unit in a technology-rich academic or career technical course related to their program of study.

9 Electives must be selected from courses related to the student's program of study. Credits earned not approved for that student's program of study will not be counted toward graduation requirements.

10 Comprehensive Health or Family and Individual Health meet the health requirement if taken prior to the 2014-2015 school year.

## Basic STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Beginning school year 2011-2012 and thereafter, students may be eligible to graduate with a minimum of 21 Carnegie units as specified below.

*NOTE: Mississippi's Institution of Higher Learning requirements differ from minimum requirements for this diploma pathway.*

The following criteria will be evaluated by the administration and the Teacher Support Team to determine if it is in the best interest of the student to opt-out of the college preparatory diploma: age of student; number of transfer credits; documented medical need; and/or other special considerations. A student who qualifies for this diploma will be classified as Senior at the beginning of his/her fourth year of high school.

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Social Studies	3 <sup>4</sup>	1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Mississippi Studies
Health	½ <sup>6&amp;7</sup>	Contemporary Health
Business and Technology	1 <sup>8</sup>	ICT II, 9 <sup>th</sup> STEM, Technology Foundations or ½ Keyboarding and ½ Computer Applications
The Arts	1 <sup>9</sup>	Any approved 500.00 course
Electives	4 ½ <sup>10</sup>	
Total Units Required	21	

1 Compensatory English, Compensatory Reading, and Compensatory Writing may not be included in the four (4) English courses required for graduation; however, these courses may be included in the four and one-half (4½) general electives required for graduation. Beginning school year 2014-2015, Compensatory English may only be taken if a credit-bearing English course is taken in the same school year. MYP-English I and MYP English II are accepted in lieu of the English I and English II requirements for students enrolled in the IB program.

2 Compensatory Mathematics and any developmental mathematics course may not be included in the four (4) mathematics courses required for graduation; however, these courses may be included in the four and one-half (4½) general electives required for graduation. Beginning school year 2014-2015, Compensatory Mathematics may only be taken if a credit-bearing Math course is taken in the same school year. Beginning school year 2004-2005 for all entering eighth graders, at least one (1) of the four (4) required mathematics courses must be higher than Algebra I or Integrated Math I. The allowable mathematics courses that can be taken which are higher than Algebra I are: Geometry, Integrated Math II, Algebra II, Integrated Math III,

CCSS Advanced Math Plus, Algebra III, SREB Math Ready, Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, and AP Statistics. Advanced Algebra, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Discrete Mathematics, and Statistics meet this requirement if taken prior to the 2015-2016 school year. One (1) of the four (4) required mathematics units may be in Architecture & Drafting if the student completes the two-course sequence for Architecture & Drafting I & II. Effective with the eighth graders of 2004-2005, Pre-Algebra, Transition to Algebra, and Algebra I, may be taken in the eighth grade for Carnegie unit credit. Pre-Algebra and Transition to Algebra are no longer available after the 2013-2014 school year. Carnegie units may be earned by seventh and eighth graders effective with school year 2014-2015 for the following courses: CCSS Compacted Math Grade 7, CCSS Math Grade 8, CCSS Compacted Math Grade 8 (with Integrated Math I), and CCSS Math Grade 8 (with Algebra I/Traditional). MYP Geometry, MYP Algebra II, IB-DP Mathematics I, IB-DP Mathematics II, IB-DP Mathematical Studies I, IB-DP Mathematical Studies II are allowable mathematics courses higher than Algebra I for IB students.

3 One (1) unit may be in Concepts of Agriscience or Introduction to Agriscience, and a second unit may be earned by completing two (2) of the following three (3) courses: Science of Agricultural Plants, Science of Agricultural Animals, or Science of Agricultural Environment. Two (2) units may be in the following courses if the student completes the required course sequence ending with Healthcare & Clinical Services II, Aquaculture II, Forestry II, Robotics/Engineering II, Polymer Science II or Careers in Polymer Science, Horticulture II or Horticulture Landscape and Turf grass, Engineering II or Applied Engineering Concepts, Health Sciences II or Workplace and Employment Skills in Health Sciences. The allowable lab-based physical science courses are Physical Science, Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Physics, AP Physics B, AP Physics C – Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C – Mechanics, Polymer Science II, and Robotics/Engineering II. IB-DP Physics I, IB-DP Physics II, MYP Chemistry, and IB-DP Chemistry may be accepted as allowable lab-based physical science courses for students enrolled in the IB program. MYP Biology and IB-DP Biology I may be accepted in lieu of the Biology I requirement for students enrolled in an IB program. Effective with school year 2013-14, up to two (2) of the three (3) required science units (excluding Biology I) may be earned by completing Agriculture and Natural Resources I & II. One (1) credit allowed shall be awarded for Biology II, and one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit shall be awarded for Botany, and one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit shall be awarded for Field Experiences in Science. Effective with eighth graders of school year 2013-14, Introduction to Agriscience may be taken in the eighth grade for Carnegie unit credit.

4 Based on the *2011 Mississippi Social Studies Framework*, A.P. World History can be accepted in lieu of the required World History from the Age of Enlightenment to Present course. A.P. United States History can be accepted in lieu of the required U.S. History from Post-reconstruction to Present course. A.P. Government and Politics: United States can be accepted in lieu of the required United States Government course. IB-DP History of the Americas I is accepted in lieu of the required U.S. History course for students enrolled in the IB program. IB-DP History of the Americas II is accepted in lieu of the required Mississippi Studies, Economics, and/or U.S. Government courses for students enrolled in the IB program. MYP U.S. Government is accepted in lieu of the required Government course for students enrolled in the IB program.

5 The credit earned for a State/Local Government course in any other state by an out-of-state transfer student who enters after the sophomore year can stand in lieu of Mississippi Studies or Mississippi State and Local Government. If the transfer student took a State/Local Government course in a grade level that did not award Carnegie unit credit, then any other one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) unit social studies course may be accepted. An out-of-state student who transfers after the junior year may substitute any other one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) unit social studies course. Effective with eighth graders of school year 2013-14, Mississippi Studies and Geography may be taken in the eighth grade for Carnegie unit credit.

6 Credit earned in Healthcare & Clinical Services I/Health Science I may be accepted in lieu of Contemporary Health to meet the graduation requirement for one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Carnegie unit in Health.

7 Successful completion of JROTC I and JROTC II may be accepted in lieu of Contemporary Health to meet the graduation requirement for one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Carnegie unit in Health beginning in the 2010-2011 school year and thereafter, when instruction includes all health components in the JROTC curriculum.

8 Evidence of proficiency in Keyboarding and Computer Applications is accepted in lieu of the required courses if the student earns one (1) unit in any of the courses listed in the *Business and Technology Framework* (academic and vocational). Information & Computer Technology (ICT) II may be accepted in lieu of Computer Discovery. A Carnegie unit earned for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) in the 8th or 9th grade meets this graduation requirement. Technology Foundations replaces Computer Discovery, Keyboarding and Computer Applications and meets this graduation requirement when taken in grades 8-12. MYP Computer Discovery may be accepted in lieu of Computer Discovery for students enrolled in an IB program.

9 Beginning school year 2015-2016, and thereafter, Digital Media may be accepted in lieu of the art requirement.

10 Elective units in physical education include participation in interscholastic athletic activities, band, performance choral, dance and JROTC that meet the instructional requirements specified in the *Fitness through Physical Education Framework* and that are sanctioned by the Mississippi High School Activities Association.

11 Comprehensive Health or Family and Individual Health meet this requirement if taken prior to the 2014-2015 school year.

12 Computer Discovery meets this requirement if taken prior to the 2012-2013 school year.

### Special Education Graduation Requirements

Students with disabilities will be issued a standard high school diploma, or a certificate of life skills completion, or an occupational diploma as follows:

1. By age 14 or prior to a student entering the ninth grade, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) committee will consider the exiting options from high school. The parent(s) and the student will be informed of the requirements for each option and the various alternatives in post-school activities based on each exiting option. An IEP committee will determine and document the option appropriate for each student.
2. Students pursuing a standard high school diploma must meet the requirements set forth by the State Board of Education and the Pass Christian Public School District. Special education and related services will be provided to assist a student to teach this goal based on the student's IEP.
3. For those students pursuing a certificate of life skills completion, a comprehensive curriculum of basic life skills will be utilized for instructional purposes. Transition services, including a functional vocational evaluation (if appropriate), will be provided based on each student's preferences and interests, his or her IEP and the planned outcomes for post-secondary activities specific to the student. As determined appropriate by the IEP Committee, transition services may include:
  - a. Instruction in functional academics
  - b. Community experiences
  - c. Adult living
  - d. Employment skills
  - e. Related services
  - f. Daily living skills

4. Students pursuing the occupational diploma must meet the requirements adopted by the Mississippi State Board of Education for the Mississippi Occupational Diploma. This graduation option is only available to students who entered ninth grade before 2017-2018. Students who participate in this occupational diploma course of study must complete 21 course credits, career/technical requirements, and an approved portfolio containing a collection of evidence of the student's knowledge, skills, and abilities related to the occupational core curriculum. The core curriculum areas include:
  - a. Employment English
  - b. Skills Math
  - c. Life Skills Science
  - d. Career Preparation (Social Studies)
5. An IEP Committee will review the previous exiting option decision for each student at least annually. The committee, along with the parent(s) and the student, may change the original or previous decision regarding the student's exiting option.
6. Every student who completes an approved course of study by or before age 21 will receive a (1) standard high school diploma, or (2) an occupational diploma or (3) certificate of life skills completion and will be permitted to participate in graduation activities.

#### Fifth Year Senior

1. A student who does not complete the graduation requirements by the end of his/her senior year is encouraged to return to Pass Christian High School to earn the necessary credit(s) and/or passing score on required exit examination(s) in order to be a graduate.
2. Students in this category are considered "Fifth Year Seniors". As such, they are only permitted to be on campus to attend the courses on their schedule. For the remainder of the school day, Fifth Year Seniors should not be on campus.
3. Fifth Year Seniors who complete the number of Carnegie units and other exiting standards required by both the state and the District may petition to graduate at the end of the first semester.
4. Fifth Year Senior graduates may participate in the regular spring commencement ceremony.

#### Summer School/Extended School Year Program & Correspondence



1. A maximum of four Carnegie units of credit earned in summer school may be counted toward graduation.
2. A maximum of one Carnegie unit credit earned in correspondence course work may be applied toward graduation requirements. The building-level principal must approve the course.

### Transfer Students

1. If a student classified as a senior who has been enrolled in the district for at least one year transfers during the senior year and is unable to meet the receiving school's minimum units credit required for graduation, the school district shall award the diploma of graduation upon receipt of a transcript from the receiving school showing completion of the local school district's requirements for graduation, completion of the state's required examination(s), and verifying that the student did not receive a diploma from the transfer school.
2. A student who transfers from a non-accredited (i.e., not accredited by either the state or regional accreditation agency, school or home schooling) program must demonstrate proficiency—as measured by a district-administered subject-area, criterion-referenced, or norm-referenced test each subject—prior to recognition of the course and credit being awarded.

### Veteran Graduation

World War II and Korean War veterans who were seniors when they left high school prior to meeting graduation requirements to serve their country may be awarded a high school diploma by the Pass Christian School District Board of Trustees according to the following guidelines and procedures:

1. Make a written request to the school board asking to be considered for a diploma.
2. Have left school during his/her senior year and must have been in line for graduation during the school year that he/she left school.
3. Submit school records verifying grades, number of credits accumulated at the time he/she left school to enroll in the military, and proof of military service during World War II or the Korean War.

The board will review the records and make a decision on the awarding of the diploma. The veteran who is qualified to receive a diploma may receive it during regular graduation ceremonies or have it presented privately by a school district representative.