



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for a South Carolina state high school diploma, a student must have a total of 24 units of credit in state approved courses distributed as follows:

1.	English/Language Arts	4 units
	Mathematics	4 units
	Science	3 units
	US History and Constitution	1 unit
	U.S. Government	½ unit
	Economics	½ unit
	Other Social Studies	1 unit
	Physical Education or Junior ROTC	1 unit
	** Computer Science	1 unit
	* World Language or Career and Technology Education	1 unit
	Electives	7 units
	Total	24 units

* 2. Earn one unit in a world language for students in a college preparatory program or earn one unit in a career and Technology course.

** 3. If a student enters the ninth grade without keyboarding proficiency, the student must enroll in a course that satisfies the computer course requirement.

4. The Education Accountability Act of 1998 requires examinations which count 20% of the students' final grade in gateway or benchmark courses, Algebra 1, English 1, Biology, and U.S. History and Constitution. Students must TAKE the End-of-Course Examination in order to receive credit for these courses.

5. **James B. Edwards Civics Education Initiative:** Beginning with students entering the ninth grade in 2016-17, students are required to take a civics test when taking their U.S. Government course. The test will consist of ten questions from the published United States Citizenship and Immigration Services test and will be administered online via student's iPad. The test is pass/fail and will not be a part of the student grade for this course.