

New South Dakota High School Graduation Requirements
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STANDARD Graduation Requirements (meets the requirements established for the basic high school program under SDCL 13-33-19)	ADVANCED Graduation Requirements (meets the requirements established for the recommended high school program under SDCL 13-33-19)	DISTINGUISHED Graduation Requirements (* denotes offerings required to meet the South Dakota Opportunities Scholarship)
English/Reading & Communication Art (4 units) (1.5 Writing and 1.5 Literature including .5 American Literature and .5 Speech)	English/Reading and Communication Arts (4 units) (1.5 Writing and 1.5 Literature including .5 American Literature and .5 Speech)	English/Reading and Communication Arts (4 units) * (1.5 Writing and 1.5 Literature including .5 American Literature and .5 Speech)
Social Studies (3 units) (1) U.S. History; and (.5) U.S. Government; and (.5) Geography; and (.5) World History	Social Studies (3 units) (1)U.S. History; and (.5) U.S. Government; and (.5) Geography; and (.5) World History	Social Studies (3 units) * (1) U.S. History; and (.5) U.S. Government; and (.5) Geography; and (.5) World History
Mathematics – (must include Algebra 1) (3 units)	Mathematics (3 units) (must include Algebra 1, Algebra II, and Geometry or higher)	Mathematics (4 units) * (must include Algebra 1, Algebra II, and Geometry (or higher) and Higher Level Math Elective)
Science (min. of 2 units of lab science) (2 units)	Science (min. of 3 units of lab science) (3 units) (must include Biology and Chemistry or Physics)	Science (min. of 3 units of lab science) (4 units) * (must include Biology and Chemistry or Physics)
Fine Arts (1 unit)	Fine Arts (1 unit)	Fine Arts (1 unit) *
Health or Physical Education (.5 units)	Health or Physical Education (.5 units)	Health or Physical Education (.5 units)
Economics or Personal Finance (.5 units)	Economics or Personal Finance (.5 units)	Economics or Personal Finance (.5 units)
Required Offerings: students must select (2 units) with any combination of) a. World Language, or b. Computer Studies; or c. Approved Career and Technical Education courses; or d. Mathematics courses in addition to meeting the math requirement above; or e. Science courses in addition to meeting the science requirement above.	Required Offerings: students must select (2 units with any combination of) a. World Language, or b. Computer Studies; or c. Approved Career and Technical Education courses; or d. Mathematics courses in addition to meeting the math requirement above; or e. Science courses in addition to meeting the science requirement above.	World Language (2 years same Language) (2 units)* Computer Studies (.5 units) *
Electives (6 units)	Electives (5 units)	Electives (2.5 units)
Total Credits (22 units)	Total Credits (22 units)	Total Credits (22 units)