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South Dakota Graduation Requirements – Proposed

South Dakota High School Diploma Requirements

	PROPOSED		CURRENT	
Subject	**Within Units Required, Must Include:**	**Total Units Required**	**Within Units Required, Must Include:**	**Total Units Required**
English	1 unit Writing .5 unit Speech 1 unit Literature (including .5 unit American Literature)	4	1.5 units Writing .5 unit Speech 1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature) .5 unit Language Arts elective	4
Mathematics	1 unit Algebra I	3	1 unit Algebra 1 unit Geometry~ 1 unit Algebra II~	3
Science*	1 unit Biology	3	1 unit Any Physical Science 1 unit Biology 1 unit Chemistry or Physics~	3
Social Studies	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government	3	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government .5 unit World History .5 unit Geography	3
Fine Arts		1		1
Physical Education		.5		.5
Health/Health Integration		.5		.5
Personal Finance or Economics		.5		.5
Approved CTE –OR— World Language –OR— Capstone Experience		1		1
Electives		5.5		5.5
Total		**22**		**22**

A student may earn one or more advanced endorsements that are in alignment with the student's personal learning plan. See *Advanced Endorsements* section.

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NOTES for PROPOSED requirements:

- * 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).
- Credit for an approved CTE course may count for core content coursework if the district applies through SD DOE's *CTE for Core Content* program. See http://doe.sd.gov/octe/corecontentcredit.aspx for more information.
- Students may earn advanced endorsements with their high school diploma. See the *Advanced Endorsements* section for specific endorsements.

NOTES for CURRENT requirements:

- ~With school and parent/guardian approval, a student may be excused from a math and/or science course in favor of a more appropriate course. In the area of Math, a student may be excused from taking Algebra II or Geometry, but not both. The student must still take three units of Math. In the area of Lab Science, a student may be excused from the requirement to take Chemistry and/or Physics. Students must still take three units of Lab Science. A student's parent or legal guardian and school counselor or administrator must agree to the decision, and the excuse must be documented at the local level.
- Credit for an approved CTE course may count for core content coursework if the district applies through SD DOE's *CTE for Core Content* program. See http://doe.sd.gov/octe/corecontentcredit.aspx for more information.

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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 opportunity scholarship eligibility)

Advanced endorsements outline specific coursework completed within the general high school diploma requirements to denote particular emphases. (*Substitutions noted above with an * do not apply to Advanced and Advanced Honors endorsement requirements.*) Highlighted areas show the distinctions for each endorsement.

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Advanced Endorsement:

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	PROPOSED		CURRENT GRAD REQUIREMENTS	
Subject	**Within Units Required, Must Include:**	**Total Units Required**	**Within Units Required, Must Include:**	**Total Units Required**
English	1 unit Writing .5 unit Speech 1 unit Literature (including .5 unit American Literature)	4	1.5 units Writing .5 unit Speech 1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature) .5 unit Language Arts elective	4
Mathematics	1 unit Algebra I 1 unit Geometry 1 unit Algebra II	3	1 unit Algebra 1 unit Geometry~ 1 unit Algebra II~	3
Science	1 unit Biology 2 units other lab sciences	3	1 unit Any Physical Science 1 unit Biology 1 unit Chemistry or Physics~	3
Social Studies	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government	3	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government .5 unit World History .5 unit Geography	3
Fine Arts		1		1
Physical Education		.5		.5
Health/Health Integration		.5		.5
Personal Finance or Economics		.5		.5
Approved CTE –OR— World Language –OR— Capstone Experience		1		1
Electives		5.5		5.5
Total		**22**		**22**

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Advanced Career Endorsement:

Indicates a student has career experience in a concentrated area, based on academic and/or workplace experience and a related credential

	PROPOSED		CURRENT GRAD REQUIREMENTS	
Subject	**Within Units Required, Must Include:**	**Total Units Required**	**Within Units Required, Must Include:**	**Total Units Required**
English	1 unit Writing .5 unit Speech 1 unit Literature (including .5 unit American Literature)	4	1.5 units Writing .5 unit Speech 1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature) .5 unit Language Arts elective	4
Mathematics	1 unit Algebra I	3	1 unit Algebra 1 unit Geometry~ 1 unit Algebra II~	3
Science*	1 unit Biology	3	1 unit Any Physical Science 1 unit Biology 1 unit Chemistry or Physics~	3
Social Studies	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government	3	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government .5 unit World History .5 unit Geography	3
Fine Arts		1		1
Physical Education		.5		.5
Health/Health Integration		.5		.5
Personal Finance or Economics		.5		.5
	2 units of either of the following or a combination of the two: • Approved CTE units from the same career cluster OR • Capstone Experience units AND Attainment of an industry-recognized credential OR National Career Readiness Certificate of Silver or higher	2+		1
Electives		4.5		5.5
Total		**22**		**22**

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Advanced Honors Endorsement:

Indicates a student has pursued advanced rigorous, academic coursework consistent with §13-55-31.1 (High school course requirements for opportunity scholarship eligibility)

All high school coursework completed with a "C" or higher.

	PROPOSED		CURRENT GRAD REQUIREMENTS	
Subject	**Within Units Required, Must Include:**	**Total Units Required**	**Within Units Required, Must Include:**	**Total Units Required**
English	1.5 unit Writing .5 unit Speech 1.5 unit Literature, including .5 unit American Literature .5 unit Language Arts elective	4	1.5 units Writing .5 unit Speech 1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature) .5 unit Language Arts elective	4
Mathematics	1 unit Algebra I 1 unit Geometry 1 unit Algebra II 1 unit Advanced Mathematics (see https://sdos.sdbor.edu/require/require.html for more information)	4	1 unit Algebra 1 unit Geometry~ 1 unit Algebra II~	3
Science	1 unit Biology 1 unit Any Physical Science 1 unit Chemistry or Physics 1 unit Science electives	4	1 unit Any Physical Science 1 unit Biology 1 unit Chemistry or Physics~	3
Social Studies	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government .5 unit Geography .5 unit World History .5 unit Social Studies elective	3	1 unit U.S. History .5 unit U.S. Government .5 unit World History .5 unit Geography	3
Fine Arts		1		1
Physical Education		.5		.5
Health/Health Integration		.5		.5
Personal Finance or Economics		.5		.5

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Approved CTE –OR— World Language	2 units of either of the following or a combination of the two: • Approved CTE courses OR Modern or Classical Language (including U.S. Sign Language); units must be in the same language	2		1
Electives		2.5		5.5
Total		**22**		**22**

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