

WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2 OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY



Winner High School Graduation Requirements

This policy includes the most recent updates to the South Dakota high school graduation requirements published by the South Dakota Department of Education in May of 2022.

Local school boards or governing bodies may set requirements of credit beyond the state minimum. Transfer students unable to meet graduation requirements set by a local school board or governing body because of time and scheduling constraints, but not due to course failure, may graduate on the basis of meeting state minimum requirements for graduation.

The local school board or governing body may waive one or more graduation requirements for senior students who transfer from another state, who have met the standards in that state, and who are unable to meet the graduation requirements set by the state board because of time and scheduling constraints, but not due to course failure.

Students must earn a minimum of 22 credits to graduate from Winner High School. All students must carry the equivalent of 6 credits per year. Students must accumulate the following units of credit to receive advanced grade classification: Sophomore – 5 ½, Junior – 11, Senior 16 ½.

A student may not participate in Winner High School graduation activities with fewer than 20 credits. Students with 20 completed credits will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony, however they will not receive their signed diploma until they have earned all 22 required credits for graduation.

The Winner School District requires the following beyond the State Requirements:

- One-half credit of Computer Studies
- One-half credit of Employability
- One-half credit of World History
- One-half credit of Geography
- One full credit of U.S. Government
- One full credit of Physical Science

Each student will complete a Personal Learning Plan and must document a minimum of 22 credits that meet the requirements of the High School Diploma “base diploma” and local requirements, however students are encouraged to complete a Personal Learning Plan that also includes the “advanced endorsement” requirements.

Page 2 of this document includes the “base diploma” South Dakota High School graduation requirements approved in July 2018.

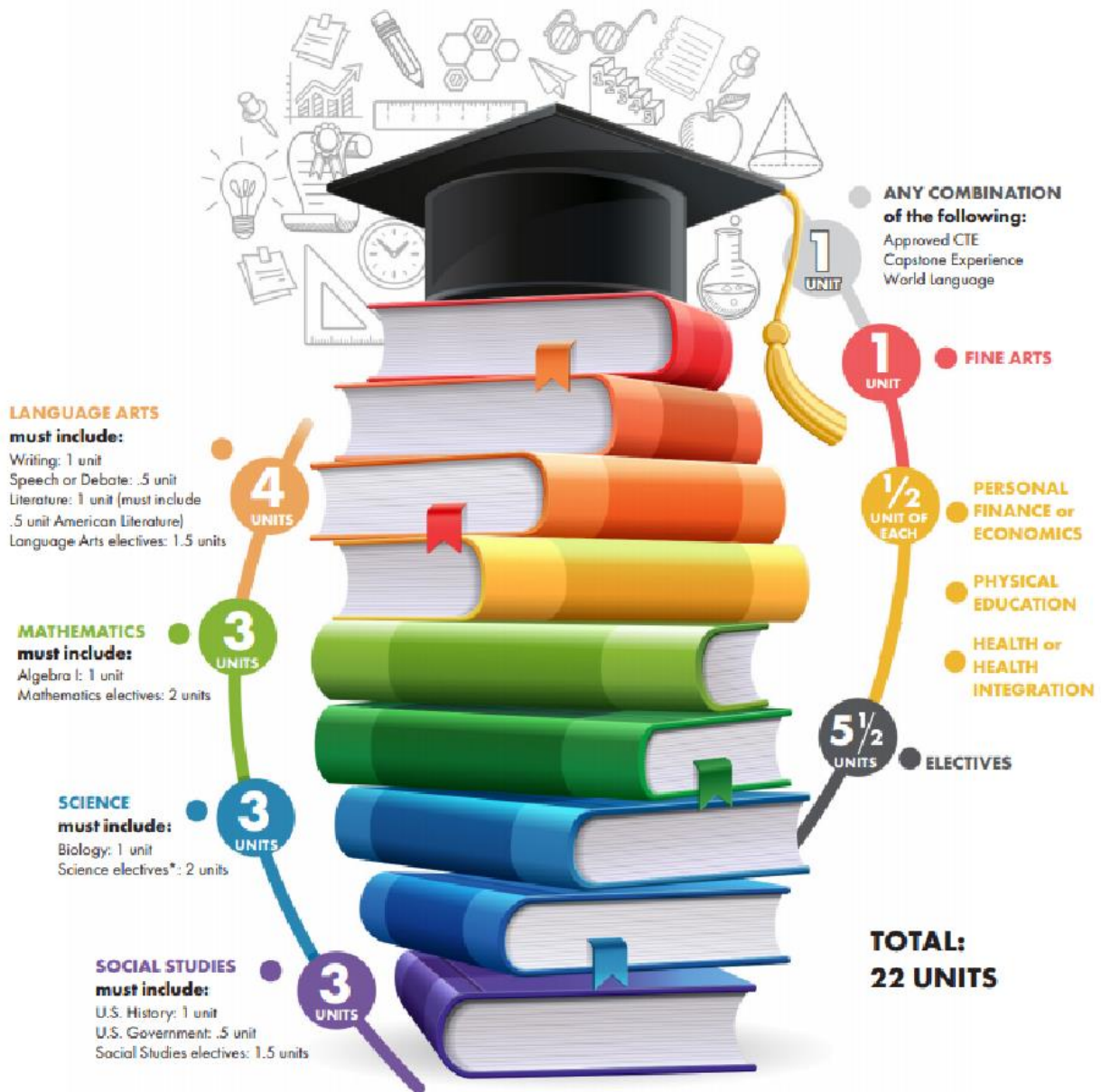
Page 3 of this document includes the “advanced endorsement” South Dakota High School graduation requirements approved in July 2018.

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*A state-approved advanced computer science course may be substituted for one unit of a science elective, but may not replace Biology. A list of approved courses is available at <http://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements>.

Students are required to meet the above High School Diploma requirements, also known as the 'base diploma'. Students may earn advanced endorsements with their high school diploma. A student's personal learning plan must document a minimum of 22 credits that include the above requirements.

****Advanced Endorsements Available**

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ADVANCED ENDORSEMENTS

In addition to the base requirements for the High School Diploma, students may earn advanced endorsements that are in alignment with the student's personal learning plan. Advanced endorsements outline specific coursework within the base diploma requirements to denote specific emphases. Students may earn one or more of three advanced endorsements: Advanced Endorsement, Advanced Career Endorsement and Advanced Honors Endorsement.

The requirements beyond the base high school diploma requirements are in red text in each advanced endorsement section below.

ADVANCED ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Indicates a student has pursued coursework consistent with entrance requirements for postsecondary education at a university.

4 UNITS OF LANGUAGE ARTS must include: • Writing: 1 unit • Speech or Debate: .5 unit • Literature: 1 unit (must include .5 unit American Literature) • Language Arts electives: 1.5 units	1 UNIT OF FINE ARTS
3 UNITS OF MATHEMATICS must include: • Algebra I: 1 unit • Geometry: 1 unit • Algebra II: 1 unit	½ UNIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE or ECONOMICS
3 UNITS OF SCIENCE must include: • Biology: 1 unit • Other Lab Sciences: 2 units	½ UNIT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
3 UNITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES must include: • U.S. History: 1 unit • U.S. Government: .5 unit • Social Studies electives: 1.5 units	½ UNIT OF HEALTH or HEALTH INTEGRATION
1 UNIT OF ANY COMBINATION of the following: • Approved Career & Technical Education • Capstone Experience • World Language	5 ½ UNITS OF ELECTIVES

ADVANCED CAREER ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

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

4 UNITS OF LANGUAGE ARTS must include: • Writing: 1 unit • Speech or Debate: .5 unit • Literature: 1 unit (must include .5 unit American Literature) • Language Arts electives: 1.5 units	1 UNIT OF FINE ARTS
3 UNITS OF MATHEMATICS must include: • Algebra I: 1 unit • Mathematics electives: 2 units	½ UNIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE or ECONOMICS
3 UNITS OF SCIENCE must include: • Biology: 1 unit • Science electives: 2 units (a state-approved computer science course may be used as 1 unit elective)	½ UNIT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
3 UNITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES must include: • U.S. History: 1 unit • U.S. Government: .5 unit • Social Studies electives: 1.5 units	½ UNIT OF HEALTH or HEALTH INTEGRATION
2+ UNITS OF ANY COMBINATION of the following: • Approved Career & Technical Education units from the same career cluster OR • Capstone Experience AND Attainment of an industry-recognized credential or National Career Readiness Certificate of Silver or higher	4 ½ UNITS OF ELECTIVES

ADVANCED HONORS ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Indicates a student has pursued advanced rigorous, academic coursework consistent with §13-55-3.1 (High school course requirements for opportunity scholarship eligibility).

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

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4 UNITS OF MATHEMATICS must include: • Algebra I: 1 unit • Geometry: 1 unit • Algebra II: 1 unit • Advanced Mathematics: 1 unit (details at sdos.sdbor.edu/require/require.html)	½ UNIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE or ECONOMICS	2 UNITS OF ANY COMBINATION of the following: • Approved Career & Technical Education OR • Modern or Classical Language (including American Sign Language); must be in the same language	2 ½ UNITS OF ELECTIVES
4 UNITS OF SCIENCE must include: • Biology: 1 unit • Any Physical Science: 1 unit • Chemistry or Physics: 1 unit • Science elective: 1 unit	½ UNIT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION		

