

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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The State Board of Education (SBE) regulates the South Carolina state high school diploma. A state high school diploma from this district is based upon the satisfactory completion of the number of units required by state law. A unit of work is the amount of credit earned when the student satisfactorily completes 120 hours of instruction in a given subject area.

The district must offer a standards-based academic curriculum organized around a career cluster system that provides students with individualized education pathways and endorsements. Coursework must be aligned with the student's personalized diploma pathway. When applicable, students will be offered national industry certifications or credentials.

Endorsements

Students will have the opportunity to earn endorsements within their personalized high school diploma pathway, which will identify a particular area of focus. Endorsements may be in the form of seals added to a student's uniform diploma; however, earning an endorsement is not a requirement for graduation. To earn a graduation endorsement, the student's program of study must meet certain criteria, including SBE-approved pathways, specific courses, and other South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) guidelines.

Students in the district may graduate from high school by meeting the requirements outlined in administrative rule IKF-R.

Cf. IKFC

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Legal References:

- A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 59-17-130 - American Sign Language counts as world language credit.
 - 2. Section 59-26-70 - No commission or agency to require foreign language as a prerequisite to receive a regular high school diploma.
 - 3. Section 59-29-80 - Courses in physical education; ROTC programs; marching band.
 - 4. Section 59-29-165 – Instruction in personal finance.
 - 5. Section 59-29-190 - Advanced placement courses for academically talented students.
 - 6. Section 59-29-240 - Civics test requirement.
 - 7. Section 59-39-100 - Issuance of uniform diplomas by accredited high school; units required.
 - 8. Section 59-39-110 - Accelerated program of study.
 - 9. Section 59-29-120 - Study of United States Constitution requisite for graduation.
- B. S.C. State Board of Education Regulations:
 - 1. R43-234 - Defined program grades 9-12 and graduation requirements.
 - 2. R43-235 - Employability credential for students with disabilities.
 - 3. R43-259 - Adult education.