

## High School Diploma Information by State

State	Number of Diplomas	Number of Credits	Verified Credits	Additional Diploma	Comments
Alabama	1	20	Alabama High School Graduation Exam	Advanced Academic Endorsement	Emphasis on more challenging courses for each subject
Alaska	1	21(or more)	Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exam – reading, writing, & math competency	NA	State identifies 12 credits and LEAs set the remaining 9 or more
Arizona	1	20	Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) reading, writing, & mathematics	NA	Students earn 8.5 credits in approved courses
Arkansas	1	22	NA	NA	18 of the credits must be academic
California	1	13	All public high school students pass the California High School Exit Exam (CHSEE)	NA	If attending college, required to take certain courses outside basic state requirements for admission
Colorado	1	12	NA	NA	State’s minimum standards for graduation
Connecticut	1	22	NA	NA	State’s minimum requirements for diploma
Delaware	1	19	NA	NA	Minimum requirements – 1 for computer literacy and three in career pathway
District of Columbia	1	23.5	NA	NA	Minimum requirements
Florida	3	24	NA	Traditional program, a three-year college preparatory program, & three-year career preparatory program	In both three-year programs, students must maintain a weighted GPA of at least 3.0
Georgia	1	22	NA	NA	Scholarship program called HOPE

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Hawaii	1	22	NA	NA	Students will exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and pursue post-secondary education and/or careers without remediation
Idaho	1	12*	NA	NA	*In addition to the 12 credits, student will earn varying elective credits to be determined by counselors.
Illinois	1	13*	NA	NA	In addition to the 13 courses, students are required to take one semester of health education, daily physical education, nine weeks of consumer education, conservation of natural resources, and vocational education.
Indiana	2	40/48	NA	Academic Honors Diploma	Computers or career area required for regular diploma but not Academic Honors
Iowa	1	10	NA	NA	Four English, three social studies, and three mathematics (averages for the state)
Kansas	1	21	NA	NA	Created Kansas Education Resource Center to assist educators who use the standards of Kansas high school curriculum
Kentucky	2	21.5/23.5	NA	Pre-College Curriculum	Two credits of foreign language

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Louisiana	1	23	NA	NA	English I, II, III, followed by either English IV or Business English
Maine	1	17.5	NA	NA	Maine Department of Education authorized the North Atlantic Regional Schools (NARS) program.
Maryland	1	19	Maryland High School Assessments (HAS)		HAS includes Algebra/Data Analysis, Biology, Government, English
Massachusetts	1	16	NA	NA	According the Massachusetts Department of Education, minimum graduation requirements vary from one district to the next
Michigan	1	19	Michigan Merit Exam or the MI-ACCESS (students with disabilities)	NA	All students must complete at least one of the online credit or non-credit course or learning experiences prior to graduation.
Minnesota	1	14.5	NA	NA	Health & Physical Education, vocational & technical education, world languages and English language are under local school discretion.
Mississippi	1	22	NA	NA	Mississippi does have recommended college prep courses.
Missouri	1	22	NA	NA	English requirements are called Communication Arts (including grammar, composition, reading, speaking, and interpreting literature)

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Montana	1	13	NA	NA	Montana has an AP Incentive Program
Nebraska	1	11	NA	NA	Require graduation credits in health, physical education, fine arts, and electives are approved locally
Nevada	2	22.5	Nevada Proficiency Exam	Honors Diploma	All graduation credits are determined by local divisions.
New Hampshire	1	19.25	NA	NA	Requires one credit of physical education and .75 credits of health
New Jersey	1	102.5	Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCS)	NA	CCCS test is taken by students in March of the junior year
New Mexico	1	24	State wide assessment	NA	State proficiency test includes English, reading, writing, math, science, and social science
New York	2	17.5	Regent diploma students must pass exams in math, English, science, and social studies.	Regents Diploma (Regular diploma plus courses in foreign language and language arts electives.	If all scores are above 90 percent, Regents diploma with Honors
North Carolina	2	24/20	NA	College or University Prep program	Art Education is recommended with at least one course in an arts discipline
North Dakota	1	19	NA	NA	One credit in Global Education
Ohio	1	20	Ohio Graduation Test	NA	Recommend AP courses
Oklahoma	1	23	NA	NA	Students get eight electives
Oregon	1	13	NA	NA	Students planning on attending one of the states four year colleges should complete additional math, English, and

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Pennsylvania	1	14	NA	NA	It is recommended that students going to college should take two years of a Foreign Language
Rhode Island	1	20	NA	NA	Students should be able to demonstrate the balance of knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to meet the four major goals of the <i>Island's Common Core of Learning for a New Century</i> requirements. These include: communication, problem solving, body of knowledge, personal/social responsibility.
South Carolina	1	24	South Carolina Exit Examination	NA	Students must demonstrate computer literacy before graduation
South Dakota	1	22	NA	NA	Students planning on attending an in-state college must take half year of Computer Science or demonstrate ability
Tennessee	1	14	End of Course (EOC) Exams and Gateway Exams	NA	There are ten EOC exams, three of which, Algebra I, Biology I, and English II are designated Gateway Exams. Students must pass these Gateway exams to graduate
Texas	2	17.5/21.5	Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills	Distinguished Achievement High School Program	Both graduation paths require Technology Applications
Utah	1	13	NA	NA	Students must also complete a Computer Technology Course

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Vermont	1	20	NA	NA	There are sixteen requirements that must be met is attending an in state college
Virginia	2	22/26	Verified SOL Assessments	Advanced	Six verified credits for the Standard Diploma and nine for the Advanced.
Washington	1	13.5	Culminating Project	NA	One elective must come from visual or performing arts
West Virginia	1	13	NA	NA	Two units of Foreign language are optional
Wisconsin	1	16	High School Graduation Test (HSGT)	NA	
Wyoming	1	13	Must pass the examination on the principles of the constitution of the United States and the state of Wyoming. Must show minimum proficiency on the uniform student content and performance standards for core knowledge and skills.	NA	