



Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Thirty-Eight Required High School Courses

English Language Arts: 6 credits

English 9 (410000) 1 credit *

English 10 (411000) 1 credit *

English Language Arts 2 credits from below:

English 11 (412000) 1 credit

English 12 (413000) 1 credit

English 11/12: Cross-Cultural Literature ½ credit

English 11/12: Comparative Literature ½ credit

English 11/12: US History Seminal Documents ½ credit

English 11/12: Film as Literature ½ credit

English 11/12: Public Relations, Sales, and Marketing
½ credit

English 11/12: Business and Professional Communication
½ credit

English 11/12: Mass Communications ½ credit

English 11/12: Reading and Writing STEM ½ credit

English 11/12: Entrepreneurship and Innovation ½ credit

English 11/12: Technical Reading and Writing for Trade &
Industry ½ credit

Oral Communication ½ credit from below:

Oral Com: Personal Communication (414200) ½ credit

Oral Com: Professional Communication (414210) ½ credit

ADE Approved ELA 1 ½ credits from below:

Critical Reading I (419110)

Creative Writing (417010) ½ credit

Debate I (414050)

Dramatic Literature (416010)

ELA Drama (416000) ½ credit

Forensics I (414020)

Journalism I (415000)

Transitional Literacy Ready (496030)

Additional English 11/12 or Oral Com.

Approved AP* and IB offerings

Physical Education: 1 credit (or two ½ credits)

Health and Safety (480000): ½ credit

Foreign Language: 2 credits from same language

Computer Science: 1 credit

Sequential combination of

HS CS Level 1 and HS CS Level 2 courses

Mathematics: 6 credits

Algebra I (430000) 1 credit *

Geometry (431000) 1 credit *

Algebra II (432000) 1 credit *

Pre-Calculus (433000) 1 credit *

ADE Approved Math 2 credits from below:

Adv. Topics and Modeling in Math (439050)

Algebra III (439070)

Calculus (434010)

Linear Systems & Statistics (439090)

Quantitative Literacy (439120)

Math Ready (439110)

Technical Math for College and Careers (439130)

Approved AP* and IB offerings

Science: 5 credits

Physical Science Integrated (423000) 1 credit *

Biology Integrated (420000) 1 credit. *

Chemistry Integrated (421000) 1 credit *

ADE Approved Science 2 credits from below:

Astronomy (425050)

Chemistry II (421010)

Earth Science (425020)

Environmental Science (424020)

Anatomy/Physiology (424030)

Physics (422000)

Approved AP* and IB offerings

Career Education: 9 credits

Program(s) of study representing three (3) of the following occupational areas:

- Agriculture Science and Technology
- Business and Marketing Technology
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Trade and Industry
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Social Studies: 4 credits

US History Since 1890 (470000) 1 credit *

World History Since 1450 (471000) 1 credit *

Civics (472000) ½ credit *

Economics and Personal Finance (474300) ½ credit *

ADE Approved Social Studies 1 credit from below:

Arkansas History (473000) ½ credit

African American History (474700) ½ credit

Psychology (474400) ½ credit

Sociology (474500) ½ credit

United States Government (474100) ½ credit

World Geography (474600)

Approved AP* and IB offerings

Fine Arts: 3½ credits

Visual Art (450) 1 credit

Visual Art I (450000)*

Vocal Music (452) 1 credit

Vocal Music I (452000)*

Instrumental Music 1 credit from below:

Band I (451000)

Jazz Band I (451200)

Orchestra I (451100)

Additional ADE Approved Fine Arts ½ credit

Any course within the approved discipline areas:

Vocal Music, Visual Art, Instrumental Music,

Theatre, or Dance

Approved AP and IB offerings

Schools must offer:

- 38 unique courses, even if a course falls into two categories
- Math and Literacy transitional courses
- AP courses in endorsed areas
- AR History required, if not taught in 7th or 8th grade
- Schools may submit a request for other courses to meet the 38 through the ADE Course Approval System (CAS)