

Graduation Requirements Effective 2018-2019

Desoto County Schools



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Traditional Diploma Requirements

All incoming 9th graders will select an endorsement that may be changed with parental permission.

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	English I English II
Math	4	Algebra I
Science	3	Biology I
Social Studies	3.5	World History (1) US History (1) Economics (1/2) US Government (1/2) MS Studies (1/2)
Physical Ed	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
College & Career Readiness	1	• Taught either Junior or Senior Year
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Electives	5 ½	
TOTAL	24	

Traditional Diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	English I English II
Mathematics	4	Algebra I
Science	3	Biology I
Social Studies	3½	1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
Career & College Readiness	1	• Taught either Junior or Senior Year
Technology or Computer Science	1	
CTE Electives	4	Must complete a 4-course sequential program of study to be a completer in CTE
Additional Electives	3½	Electives must meet the advanced elective requirements in the IHL CPC
Total	26	

Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5
- Earn silver level on ACT WorkKeys
- Earn two additional Carnegie Units for a total of 26

Must successfully complete one of the following:

- One CTE dual credit course or the Community College approved CTE articulated dual credit
- Complete an industry-based work experience or the Career Pathway Experience
- Earn a State Board of Education approved national credential

Traditional Diploma with Academic Endorsement

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	English I English II
Mathematics	4	Algebra I + two (2) additional math courses above Algebra I
Science	3	Biology I + two (2) additional science courses above Biology I
Social Studies	3½	1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
Career & College Readiness	1	• Taught either Junior or Senior Year
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Additional Electives	7½	Two (2) electives must meet the advanced elective requirements in the IHL CPC
Total	26	

Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5
- Courses must meet MS IHL college preparatory curriculum (CPC) requirements
- Earn MS IHL and Community College readiness benchmarks (ACT sub scores of 17 English and 19 math or completion of appropriate college-ready courses in senior year or SAT equivalency)
- Earn two additional Carnegie Units for a total of 26

Must successfully complete one of the following:

- One AP course with a C or higher and take the appropriate AP exam
- One IB course with a C or higher and take the appropriate IB exams
- One academic dual credit course earning a C or higher

Traditional Diploma with Distinguished Endorsement

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	English I English II
Mathematics	4	Algebra I + two (2) additional math courses above Algebra I
Science	4	Biology I + two (2) additional science courses above Biology I
Social Studies	4	1 World History 1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Arts	1	
Career & College Readiness	1	• Taught either Junior or Senior Year
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Additional Electives	8	Two (2) electives must meet the advanced elective requirements in the IHL CPC
Total	28	

Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 3.0
- Courses must meet MS IHL CPC recommended requirements
- Earn national college-readiness benchmarks on each subtest established by ACT (sub scores of 18 English and 22 math) or SAT equivalent
- Earn four additional Carnegie Units for a total of 28

Must successfully complete one of the following:

- One AP course with a B or higher and take the appropriate AP exam
- One IB course with a B or higher and take the appropriate IB exams
- One academic dual credit course earning B or higher

Alternate Diploma Option for Students with Significant Cognitive Disability (SCD)

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	Alternate English Elements I-IV
Mathematics	4	Alternate Math Elements I-III Alternate Algebra Elements
Science	2	Alternate Biology Elements Alternate Science Elements II
Social Studies	4	Alternate History Elements (Strands: U.S. History and World History) Alternate Social Studies Elements (Strands: Economics and U.S. Government)
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	Alternate Health Benefits
Arts	1	
Vocational Readiness	4	Career Readiness I-IV (Strands: Technology, Systems, Employability, and Social)
Life Skills Development	4	Life Skills Development I-IV (Strands: Technology, Systems, Personal Care, and Social)
Additional Electives	2	
Total	24	

Requirements

- Only Students with a Significant Cognitive Disability (SCD) ruling are eligible to earn the Alternate Diploma.
- Students with a SCD ruling are required to participate in the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program-Alternate Assessment (MAAP-A) and achieve a **score of TBD.**

Note: The Alternate Diploma is not equivalent to a traditional high school diploma and is not recognized by post-secondary entities that require a traditional high school diploma.

Requirements for Early Release

Students who have not met the Mississippi postsecondary ACT remediation benchmarks of 17 in English and 19 in Math or SAT equivalency or the Silver level on the ACT WorkKeys for the CTE endorsement must meet ALL 4 of the following requirements for early release

- have the required 2.5 GPA
- have passed or met all MAAP assessments requirements for graduation
- be on track to meet diploma requirements
- be concurrently enrolled in Essentials for College Math and/or Essentials for College Literacy

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