



General Information

Graduation Requirements

Each student must successfully complete the following course requirements in order to graduate from Hinsdale South High School. In addition, no student shall receive a diploma without passing a satisfactory examination on the federal and Illinois constitutions. *In order to earn a diploma, students must comply with all state mandated requirements for standardized testing.* All students must complete state-mandated CPR and AED training through their physical education class.

To graduate, a student must earn **a minimum of 24.0 credits** and successfully meet the listed requirements. A given course cannot be used to satisfy a requirement in more than one area, with the exception of the “intensive writing” requirement.

State law mandates all students to earn two credits in courses designated as “intensive writing” courses. English I and English II fulfill this requirement as do Applied English and Foundations English.

Graduation Requirements	Credit
English	4.0
Mathematics <i>One of the three years of Mathematics must be an Algebra course (Algebra 1, Part 1 AND Algebra 1, Part 2, Algebra 1 Block, Algebra 1, Applied Math, or Foundations Math) and one course must include Geometry content (Geometric Analysis, Geometry, Applied Math or Foundations Math) . Credits must be earned over three school years.</i>	3.0
Science	2.0
Social Studies <i>World Cultures or World Studies Honors (1.0) U.S. History, American Studies or AP U.S. History (1.0) Passing of the U.S. Constitution Test -Beginning with the Class of 2020, students must also take and pass either American Politics or AP Government to meet the state-mandated Civics graduation requirement.</i>	2.0
Elective Arts <i>A student can select from one of seven Elective Arts areas, including all courses in: Art, Business, Family & Consumer Sciences, World Languages, Music, Technology Education or TCD. A student may only declare one (1) credit per department/discipline to count towards this specific graduation requirement.</i>	2.0
Consumer Education <i>AP Economics: Micro AP Economics: Macro Economics Exploring Family and Consumer Sciences Foundations Consumer Education Introduction to Business Money Management</i>	0.5
Physical Education/Health <i>Health is a required course taken during sophomore year typically in tandem with one semester of Physical Education. Students have the option of enrolling in an additional semester of Physical Education during their sophomore year for an additional 0.5 credits.</i>	4.0

State-mandated requirements for standardized testing: SAT

All 11th grade students are required to take the SAT. In order to be classified as an 11th grader, students must earn a minimum of 11.75 credits prior to the beginning of entering their third year in high school. Students who begin their third year in high school with fewer than 11.75 credits will be classified as 10th graders solely for the purpose of SAT testing.

