



Alabama High School Diploma (AHSD)

Please see the list of available endorsement options for the Alabama High School Diploma included in this brochure.

	Credits	
English Language Arts	4	
Four credits to include the equivalent of:		
English 9	1	
English 10	1	
English 11	1	
English 12	1	
Mathematics	4	
Four credits to include the equivalent of:		
Algebra I	1	
Geometry	1	
Two additional math credits	2	
Science	4	
Four credits to include the equivalent of:		
Biology	1	
A physical science	1	
Two additional science credits	2	
Social Studies*	4	
Four credits to include the equivalent of:		
Social Studies 9	1	
Social Studies 10	1	
Social Studies 11	1	
Social Studies 12	1	
Physical Education	1	
Health Education	½	
Arts Education	½	
Computer Applications**	½	
Electives	5 ½	

TOTAL CREDITS 24

Assessment Requirement:
PASS the Alabama High School Graduation Exam



Alabama High School Diploma with Advanced Academic Endorsement

Earn 26 credits – 24 required credits as listed for AHSD plus 2 foreign language credits (both credits must be in the same language)

Must include: Advanced level work in the core curriculum (honors or AP courses are recommended where appropriate); Algebra II with Trigonometry and approved math courses; all science courses should be laboratory sciences and must include Biology and either Chemistry or Physics

Assessment Requirement:
PASS the Alabama High School Graduation Exam



Alabama High School Diploma with Advanced Academic Endorsement and Career/Technical Endorsement

Earn 26 credits – 24 required credits as listed for AHSD plus 2 foreign language credits (both credits must be in the same language)

Must include: Advanced level work in the core curriculum (honors or AP courses are recommended where appropriate); Algebra II with Trigonometry and approved math courses; all science courses should be laboratory sciences and must include Biology and either Chemistry or Physics

Must include: 3 credits Career/Technical Education (sequenced program of courses)

Assessment Requirement:
PASS the Alabama High School Graduation Exam



Alabama High School Diploma with Career/Technical Endorsement

Earn 24 required credits as listed for AHSD
Must include: 3 credits Career/Technical Education (sequenced program of courses)

Assessment Requirement:
PASS the Alabama High School Graduation Exam



Alternate Adult High School Diploma (AAHSD)***
(NOTE: The AAHSD is an option for twelfth-grade students who have not passed all required subject-area tests of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam after the fall administration of their senior year.)

	Credits
English Language Arts	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
English 9	1
English 10	1
English 11	1
English 12	1
Mathematics	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
Algebra I	1
Geometry	1
Two additional math credits	2
Science	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
Biology	1
A physical science	1
Two additional science credits	2
Social Studies*	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
Social Studies 9	1
Social Studies 10	1
Social Studies 11	1
Social Studies 12	1
Physical Education	1
Health Education	½
Arts Education	½
Computer Applications**	½
Electives	5 ½

TOTAL CREDITS 24

Assessment Requirement:
PASS the Test of General Education Development (GED)



Hewitt-Trussville High School Diploma/Exit Options

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9th graders of 2006-2007

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Students with Disabilities and the Alabama High School Diploma

The Alabama State Board of Education has adopted and amended rules that add an alternative route for students with disabilities to receive the Alabama High School Diploma (AHSD). Students with disabilities as defined by the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) or Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973* are eligible to receive the AHSD if they pass all but one subject-area test of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam, meet all other graduation requirements for the AHSD, and have the required alternate documentation as detailed below.

The required alternate documentation must be verified by the high school principal, school counselor, and special education teacher or 504 coordinator, and must include the following:

1. Completion of all course credits for the Alabama High School Diploma.
2. Documentation of the disability(s) which substantially limits their ability to demonstrate achievement in the area of the one subject-area test of the AHSGE that was not passed.
3. Participation in remediation activities (extent and nature determined by the local school system) during high school.
4. Met attendance requirements.
5. A cumulative "C" grade average.

The flexibility granted through these rules is retroactive to first-time ninth graders in the 1997-1998 school year (Class of 2001) and applies only to students with disabilities (as defined by IDEA or 504) taking the Alabama High School Graduation Exam.

Students with Disabilities and Considerations for Desired Post-School Outcomes

Alabama High School Diploma (AHSD)

Prepares students for many post-school options:

- Accepted by postsecondary institutions
- Accepted by the military
- Accepted by employers

Alabama Occupational Diploma (AOD)

(NOTE: This option is only available to students with disabilities as defined by IDEA.)

Prepares students for competitive employment and limited post-school options:

- Accepted by many employers
- Accepted by the Alabama College System in degree programs with a minimum ACT score of 16
- Accepted by the Alabama College System in certain non-degree programs
- May be accepted by the military on a case-by-case basis

Graduation Certificate (CERTIFICATE)

(NOTE: This option is only available to students with disabilities as defined by IDEA.)

Prepares students for their post-school transitional goals:

- Not generally accepted by postsecondary institutions
- Not accepted by military recruiters
- May not be accepted by some employers



Alabama Occupational Diploma (AOD)**** (NOTE: This option is only available to students with disabilities as defined by IDEA.)

	Credits
English Language Arts	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
Employment English I	1
Employment English II	1
Employment English III	1
Employment English IV	1
Mathematics	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
Essential Mathematics I	1
Essential Mathematics II	1
Algebraic Explorations I	1
Algebraic Explorations II	1
Science	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
Life Skills Science I: Physical	1
Life Skills Science II: Biology	1
Life Skills Science III: Earth&Space	1
Science Connections IV	1
Social Studies	4
Four credits to include the equivalent of:	
Career Preparation I	1
Career Preparation II	1
Career Preparation III	1
American Gov't/Economics IV	1
Career/Technical Education	2
Coordinated Studies	1
Cooperative Career/Technical Education	1
Physical Education	1
Health Education	½
Arts Education	½
Electives	2
<u>TOTAL CREDITS</u>	<u>24</u>

Assessment Requirement:
ATTEMPT the Alabama High School Graduation Exam



Graduation Certificate (CERTIFICATE)****

(NOTE: This option is only available to students with disabilities as defined by IDEA.)

Earn 24 required credits or
Pass all sections of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam or
Complete Individualized Education Program (IEP)



*All four required credits in Social Studies shall comply with the current Alabama Course of Study.

**May be waived if competencies outlined in the computer applications course are demonstrated to qualified staff in the local school system or if the equivalent course is completed at the middle school level. The designated one-half credit will then be added to the elective credits.

***LEA Superintendents may request waivers from the State Superintendent to transfer AOD core credits to the Alternate Adult High School Diploma for students pursuing the Alabama Occupational Diploma who pass the GED test.

****Students with disabilities who graduate with the AOD or the CERTIFICATE may continue to work toward the Alabama High School Diploma to age 21 with IDEA services.

