

Alabama High School Diploma Requirements Shades Valley High School

Area of Study	Credits	Requirements
English	4	Must Include: English 9, English 10, English 11 and English 12. All IB, AP, Advanced, Essentials or AAS English classes will count toward this requirement.
Mathematics	4	Must Include: Algebra I (or Algebra I A & I B), Geometry, Algebra II or Algebra II with Trig. All students must complete math credits through Algebra II or higher. Course progression will begin with Geometry if Algebra I is successfully completed in the 8 th grade. All IB, AP, Advanced, CTE, Essentials or AAS math classes will count toward this requirement.
Science	4	Required: Biology and a Physical Science (Physical Science, Chemistry or Physics) All IB, AP, Advanced, CTE, Essentials or AAS science classes will count toward this requirement. Third and fourth science credits may be used to meet both the science and CTE course requirement.
Social Studies	4	Must Include: World History from 1500 to Present, US History to 1877, US History from 1877 to Present, Government (0.5 Credit) and Economics (0.5 Credit) All IB, AP, Advanced, Essentials and AAS classes will count toward this requirement.
Physical Education	1	LIFE PE (Lifelong Individualized Fitness Education)
Health Education	0.5	Health Course
Career Preparedness	1	Career Preparedness Course (Includes Career & Academic Planning, Computer Applications, Financial Literacy)
CTE and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education	3	Choose three courses from the following areas: Career & Technical Education, Fine Arts or Foreign Languages. Students are encouraged to complete two courses in sequence.
Electives	2.5	Student's Choice Students enrolled in the Essentials Pathway must include two (2) CTE Electives (in the same pathway), Workforce Essentials and Co-Operative Work-Based Instruction.
TOTAL Credits	24	Minimum GPA Requirement: None

Alabama High School Diploma Endorsements				
Endorsement	Diploma Endorsements Require Additional Coursework	Total Credits	Minimum GPA	Total Electives
Advanced Academic Endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 credits of AP, IB, or Dual Enrollment Courses ▪ 1 credit of Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Adv or Discrete Math ▪ 1 credit of Chemistry or Chemistry Adv ▪ 2 credits of the same Foreign Language 	30+ Credits	3.0+ GPA	Sufficient elective courses necessary to meet total credit requirement of 30 credits or more.
Fine Arts Endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 credits of Fine Arts Courses 	30+ Credits	3.0+ GPA	
Career & Technical Education (CTE) Endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 credits of CTE Courses (Excluding Career Preparedness) 	30+ Credits	3.0+ GPA	