



# 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 (422010)  
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 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Schools may submit a request for other courses to meet the 38 through the ADE Course Approval System (CAS)