Arkansas Graduation Requirements

English Language Arts - 4 credits
- English 9
- English 10
- English 11
- English 12

Mathematics - 4 credits
- Algebra I – 1 credit
- Geometry – 1 credit
- Algebra II – 1 credit
- ADE approved fourth math or Computer Science Flex – 1 credit

Science - 3 credits
- ADE approved biology – 1 credit
- ADE approved physical science – 1 credit
- ADE approved third science or Computer Science Flex – 1 credit

Social Studies - 3 credits
- US History – 1 credit
- World History – 1 credit
- Civics – ½ credit
- Economics and Personal Finance – ½ credit

Oral Communication – ½ credit

Physical Education – ½ credit

Health & Safety – ½ credit

Fine Arts – ½ credit

Career Focus or Additional Content – 6 credits

Additional requirements
- State Minimum of 22 graduation credits
- Students must complete a digital course for credit
- Students must earn a credit in a course that includes personal & family finance after grade 8
- Students must pass the Arkansas Civics’ Exam
- Students must complete hands-on CPR training

*Algebra II and/or fourth math may be replaced by another approved course if Smart Core is waived.

Legislative Requirements
Connected directly to Curriculum and Instruction Requirements

A.C.A. § 6-16-101 Celebrate Freedom Week
A.C.A. § 6-16-105 Flag Etiquette
A.C.A. § 6-16-111 Morals, manners, patriotism and business integrity
A.C.A. § 6-16-121 Historical Contributions made by African Americans
A.C.A. § 6-16-124 Arkansas History
A.C.A. § 6-16-126 Food borne illness in health
A.C.A. § 6-16-132 PE credit
A.C.A. § 6-16-135 Personal Finance
A.C.A. § 6-16-139 Technology Curriculum
A.C.A. § 6-16-143 CPR
A.C.A. § 6-16-147 Computer Science
A.C.A. § 6-16-148 Required review of US History from Col.-1890 in multiple courses
A.C.A. § 6-16-149 US Citizenship Test
A.C.A. § 6-16-501 Organ Donor instruction in health
A.C.A. § 6-16-1004 Dating Violence in health
A.C.A. § 6-16-1202 AP Course requirements (4)
A.C.A. § 6-16-1406 Digital Learning Credit required
A.C.A. § 6-15-2012 Transitional Courses

Standards Development:
A.C.A. § 6-15-2906 Arkansas Academic Standards

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# Courses Required to be Offered at all Arkansas High Schools - (38 Credits)

## English Language Arts 6 credits
- English 9 (410000) 1 credit
- English 10 (411000) 1 credit
- English 11 (412000) 1 credit
- English 12 (413000) 1 credit
- Oral Communication A (414000) ½ credit
- ADE approved ELA 1 ½ credits from the list:
  - Critical Reading I (419110)
  - Creative Writing (417010) ½ credit
  - Debate I (414050)
  - Dramatic Literature A (416110) ½ credit
  - Forensics I (414020)
  - Journalism I (415000)
  - Transitional Literacy Ready (496030)
- Approved AP* and IB offerings

## 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 the list:
  - Adv. Topics and Modeling in Math (439050)
  - Algebra III (439070)
  - Calculus (434010)
  - Math Applications and Algorithms (439080)
  - Quantitative Literacy (439120)
  - Statistics (439090)
  - Math Ready (439110)
- 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 the list:
  - Astronomy (425050)
  - Chemistry II (421010)
  - Earth Science (425020)
  - Environmental Science (424020)
  - Anatomy/Physiology (424030)
  - Physics (422000)
- Approved AP* and IB offerings

## Social Studies 4 credits
- US History Since1890 (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 the list:
  - 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) ½ credit
- Approved AP* and IB offerings

## Career Education 9 credits
- Three Programs 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

## Physical Education and Health 1 ½ credits
- Physical Education 1 credit (or combination of two 1/2 credits)
- Health & Safety (480000) ½ credit

## Foreign Language 2 credits
- Foreign Language (2 credits of the same language)

## Computer Science 1 credit
- Sequential combination of HS CS Level 1 and HS CS Level 2 courses

## Visual Art (450) 1 credit
- Visual Art I (450000)

## Instrumental Music (451) 1 credit
- Band I (451000)
- Jazz Band I (451200)
- Orchestra I (451100)

## Vocal Music (452) 1 credit
- Vocal Music I (452000)

## Approved AP and IB offerings

## Schools must offer:
- 38 unique courses even if a course falls into two categories
- a transitional course
- AP courses in endorsed areas*
- courses selected from the list above

## Schools may submit a request for other courses to meet the 38 through the Course Approval System