



DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

Thirty- Eight Required High School Courses

The thirty-eight required high school courses reflect the minimum courses a school must offer. Schools must offer the following:

*38 unique courses, even if a course falls into two categories

*One math and one literacy transitional course (T)

*At least one Advanced Placement (AP) course in each of the core areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies

*Arkansas History if not taught in the 7th or 8th grade

English Language Arts		
Must offer 2 full credits from below		
410000 English 9	1 full credit	
411000 English 10	1 full credit	
Must offer 2 full credits from below		
412000 English 11	1 full credit	
413000 English 12	1 full credit	
418010 English 11/12 U.S. History Seminal Documents	1/2 credit	
418020 English 11/12 Cross-Cultural Literature	1/2 credit	
418030 English 11/12 Comparative Literature	1/2 credit	
418040 English 11/12 Film as Literature	1/2 credit	
418100 English 11/12 Public Relations	1/2 credit	
418110 English 11/12 Reading and Writing for Business	1/2 credit	
418120 English 11/12 Mass Communications	1/2 credit	
418200 English 11/12 Reading and Writing for STEM	1/2 credit	
418210 English 11/12 Entrepreneurship and Innovation	1/2 credit	
418220 English 11/12 Technical Reading and Writing for Trade and Industry	1/2 credit	
Must offer 1/2 credit from below		
414200 Oral Communications: Personal Communication	1/2 credit	
414210 Oral Communications: Professional Communication	1/2 credit	
Must offer 2 credits from below		
419110 Critical Reading	1 full credit	
417010 Creative Writing	1/2 credit	
414050 Debate I	1 full credit	
416010 Dramatic Literature	1 full credit	
416000 ELA Drama	1/2 credit	
414020 Forensics I	1 full credit	
415000 Journalism	1 full credit	
496030 Transitional Literacy Ready (T)	1 full credit	
Additional English 11/12 courses		
AP English course	1 full credit	
* At least one AP course from this content area must be offered.		
Official IB offerings		
Total required English Language Arts:	6 credits	

World Languages	
Must offer 2 full credits from the same language	
Total required World Languages:	2 full credits

Computer Science	
Must offer 1 full credit from below	
Any ADE Approved Year 1 Computer Science and Computing One-Credit Course	1 full credit
Total required Computer Science:	1 full credit

Mathematics	
Must offer 4 full credits from below	
430000 Algebra I	1 full credit
431000 Geometry	1 full credit
432000 Algebra II	1 full credit
433000 Pre Calculus	1 full credit
Must offer 2 full credits from below	
439050 Advanced Topics and Modeling in Mathematics	1 full credit
439070 Algebra III (T)	1 full credit
434010 Calculus	1 full credit
439090 Statistics	1 full credit
439120 Quantitative Literacy (T)	1 full credit
439110 Transitional Math Ready (T)	1 full credit
439130 Technical Math for College and Career AP Mathematics Course	1 full credit
* At least one AP course from this content area must be offered.	
Official IB offerings	
Total required Mathematics:	6 full credits

Science	
Must offer 3 full credits from below	
423000 Physical Science Integrated	1 full credit
420000 Biology Integrated	1 full credit
421000 Chemistry Integrated	1 full credit
Must offer 2 full credits from below	
425050 Astronomy	1 full credit
421010 Chemistry II	1 full credit
425020 Earth Science	1 full credit
424020 Environmental Science	1 full credit
424030 Anatomy/Physiology	1 full credit
422010 Physics	1 full credit
* At least one AP course from this content area must be offered.	
Official IB offerings	
Total required Science:	5 full credits

Career Education	
Must offer 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 & Mathematics	
Total required Career Education:	9 full credits

Social Studies	
Must offer 3 full credits from below	
470000 United States History Since 1890	1 full credit
471000 World History Since 1450	1 full credit
472000 Civics	1/2 credit
474300 Economics and Personal Finance	1/2 credit
Must offer 1 full credit from below	
473000 Arkansas History	1/2 credit
474700 African American History	1/2 credit
474400 Psychology	1/2 credit
474500 Sociology	1/2 credit
474100 United States Government	1/2 credit
474600 World Geography	1/2 credit
AP Social Studies course	1 full credit
* At least one AP course from this content area must be offered.	
Official IB offerings	
Total required Social Studies:	4 full credits

Fine Arts	
Must offer 2 full credits from below	
450000 Visual Art Foundations I	1 full credit
452000 Vocal Ensemble I	1 full credit
Must offer 1 full credit from below	
451000 Band I	1 full credit
451200 Jazz Band I	1 full credit
451100 Orchestra I	1 full credit
Must offer 1/2 credit from below	
Any Fine Arts course within the approved discipline areas:	
- Music	
- Visual Art	
- Theater	
- Dance	
- Official AP and IB offerings	
Total required Fine Arts:	3 1/2 credits

Physical Education	
Must offer 1 full credit from below	
485010 Personal Fitness for Life	1/2 credit
485020 Recreational Sports	1/2 credit
485030 Outdoor Pursuits	1/2 credit
485040 Athletics	1/2 credit
Total required Physical Education:	1 full credit

Health and Wellness	
480000 Health and Wellness	1/2 credit
Total required Health and Wellness:	1/2 credit

1 full credit= 1 full-year course

1/2 credit= 1 semester course

(T)= Transitional Course

Approved Pre AP courses may be implemented in lieu of the corresponding courses in the thirty-eight required list. The Pre AP crosswalk is located on the DESE course approval webpage.