



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Revised Alabama High School Graduation Requirements

On November 10, 2022, the Alabama State Board of Education amended the *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-1.02, which added a College and Career Readiness (CCR) Indicator to the Alabama High School Graduation Requirements. Effective for students of the graduating Class of 2028 who will enter Grade 8 for the first time in the 2023-2024 school year, the Alabama High School Diploma—General Education Pathway shall be issued to students who earn the required credits and earn one or more of the following college or career readiness indicators:

- Earn a benchmark score in any subject area on the ACT® College Entrance Exam.
- Earn a qualifying score of three or higher on an Advanced Placement® Exam.
- Earn a qualifying score of four or higher on an International Baccalaureate® Exam.
- Earn college credit while in high school.
- Earn a silver or gold level on the ACT® WorkKeys® Exam.
- Complete an in-school youth apprenticeship program.
- Earn a career technical industry credential listed on the compendium of valuable credentials of the Alabama Committee on Credentialing and Career Pathways.
- Military enlistment.
- Attain Career and Technical Education (CTE) completer status.
- Any additional College and Career Readiness (CCR) indicator approved by the Alabama State Board of Education.

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support as we ensure Alabama students are college and career ready. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Monica P. Mack by email at monica.mack@alsde.edu, Mrs. Cathy Lankford by email at cathy.lankford@alsde.edu, or Mrs. Cristin M. Dillard by email at cdillard@alsde.edu. They may also be reached by telephone at 334-694-4768.

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