



# Alabama High School Graduation Requirements College and Career Readiness

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## COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Effective for students of the graduating Class of 2026, who entered Grade 9 for the first time during the 2022-2023 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 and career readiness indicators:

- Earning a benchmark score in any subject area on the ACT<sup>®</sup> college entrance exam.
- Earning a qualifying score of three or higher on an Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> exam.
- Earning a qualifying score of four or higher on an International Baccalaureate<sup>®</sup> exam.
- Earning college credit while in high school.
- Earning a silver or gold level on the ACT<sup>®</sup> WorkKeys<sup>®</sup> Exam.
- Completing an in-school youth apprenticeship program.
- Earning a career technical industry credential listed on the compendium of valuable credentials of the Alabama Committee on Credentialing and Career Pathways.
- Being accepted into the military before graduation.
- Attaining Career and Technical Education (CTE) completer status.
- Any additional College and Career Readiness (CCR) indicator approved by the Alabama State Board of Education.

Except for students who are pursuing the *Alabama High School Diploma: Essentials Pathway* or the *Alabama High School Diploma: Alternate Achievement Standards (AAS) Pathway*, no student shall receive the *Alabama High School Diploma: General Education Pathway* without earning one or more of the college and career readiness indicators. Any student not receiving the *Alabama High School Diploma: General Education Pathway*, who later becomes in compliance, may only receive the *Alabama High School Diploma: General Education Pathway* if the remedy occurs within the two years of their initial failure to graduate.

More information can be found at <https://www.alabamaachieves.org/graduation-requirements/>.