

3 – Tier Graduation Requirements for 2010 and Beyond

STANDARD Graduation Requirements	ADVANCED Graduation Requirements	DISTINGUISHED Graduation Requirements (* denotes offerings required to meet the South Dakota Opportunities Scholarship)
English/Reading & Communication Art (4 units) (1.5 Writing and 1.5 Literature including .5 American Literature and .5 Speech)	English/Reading and Communication Arts (4 units) (1.5 Writing and 1.5 Literature including .5 American Literature and .5 Speech)	English/Reading and Communication Arts (4 units) * (1.5 Writing and 1.5 Literature including .5 American Literature and .5 Speech)
Social Studies (3 units) (1) U.S. History; and (.5) U.S. Government; (.5) Geography; (.5) World History –An. Or Mod., (.5) Civics	Social Studies (3 units) (1) U.S. History; and (.5) U.S. Government; (.5) Geography; (.5) World History-An. Or Mod., (.5) Civics	Social Studies (3 units) (1) U.S. History; and (.5) U.S. Government; (.5) Geography; (.5) World History An. Or Mod., (.5) Civics
Mathematics – (must include Algebra 1) (3 units) Note: Integrated Math I & II = Algebra	Mathematics (3 units) (must include Algebra 1, Algebra II, and Geometry) Note: Integrated Math I & II = Algebra	Mathematics (4 units) * (must include Algebra 1, Algebra II, and Geometry)
Science (min. of 2 units of lab science) (2 units)	Science (min. of 3 units of lab science) (3 units) (must include Biology and Chemistry or Physics)	Science (min. of 3 units of lab science) (4 units) * (must include Biology and Chemistry or Physics)
Physical Education (1.0 units)	Physical Education (1.0 units)	Physical Education (1.0 units)
Fine Arts (1.0 units)	Fine Arts (1.0 units)	Fine Arts (1.0 units)
Careers (.5 units)	Careers (.5 units)	Careers (.5 units)
Personal Finance or Economics (.5 units)	Personal Finance or Economics (.5 units)	Personal Finance or Economics (.5 units)
Computer class (.5 units)	Computer class (.5 units)	Computer class (.5 units)
Required Offerings: students must select (2 units) with any combination of) a. World Language, or b. Approved Career and Technical Education courses; or c. Mathematics courses in addition to meeting the math requirement above; or d. Science courses in addition to meeting the science requirement above; or e. Computer class	Required Offerings: students must select (2 units with any combination of) a. World Language, or b. Approved Career and Technical Education courses; or c. Mathematics courses in addition to meeting the math requirement above; or d. Science courses in addition to meeting the science requirement above; or e. Computer class	World Language (2 years same Language) (2 units)*
Electives (6.5 units)	Electives (5.5 units)	Electives (3.5 units)
Total Credits (24 units)	Total Credits (24 units)	Total Credits (24 units)

New South Dakota High School Graduation Requirements
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*Distinguished classes

Approved Career and Technical Education Classes (CTE Classes)= Interior Design, You and Your Future, Parenthood, Food For Life, Single Living, Child Development, Intro to Auto, Auto Brakes, Auto Electronics, Auto Steering, Auto Engines, Welding I & II, Animal Science, Plant and Natural Resources, Metal Working, Domestic Engines, Horticulture, Computer Ag. Business, *Intro to Bus.*, *Keyboarding 1&2*, *Accounting 1&2*, *Accounting Computer App.*, *Practical Law*, *Adv. In Small Bus.*, *Gen. Shop*, *Intro to Woods*, *Tech. Woodworking*, *Home Maintenance*, *Building Trades*, *Intro to Sports Med*, *Health Occupations I*, *Health Survey- status is pending*

