

I-14 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Alabama High School Diploma Options Opelika City Schools

The 2009-2010 school year is the implementation year for the Alabama State Board of education's First Choice Initiative. **Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, the default endorsement plan for all incoming freshmen will be a four-year plan that leads to the Alabama Advanced Academic Endorsement based on the First Choice Initiative.** Students who have reached the age of 18 or parents of any student may, in consultation with school officials, opt out of this default endorsement path by providing written notification to the student's counselor of their selection of an alternative endorsement path or their intention to follow the requirements for a regular Alabama High School Diploma or Alabama Occupational Diploma with no endorsements.

Opelika High School Diploma with Advanced Academic Endorsement with Honors

AHSGE – pass all five parts (Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies)

English	4 Credits	At least three Honors/AP English courses
*Math	4 Credits	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II w/Trigonometry, Pre-Cal
Science	4 Credits	Biology, A Physical Science, 2 Advanced Science Electives
Social Studies	4 Credits	World History, US History 10 & 11, Govt/Econ
PE	1 Credit	No Substitution
Health	½ Credit	
Art	½ Credit	
Computer Application	1 Credit	Usually BTE
Foreign Language	2 Credits	One Language
Electives	5 Credits	
Total	26 Credits	

Opelika High School Diploma with Advanced Academic Endorsement

AHSGE – pass all five parts (Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies)

English	4 Credits	At least one Honors/AP English courses
Math	4 Credits	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II w/Trigonometry, 1 math elective
Science	4 Credits	Biology, A Physical Science, at least 1 adv science
Social Studies	4 Credits	World History, US History 10 & 11, Govt/Econ
PE	1 Credit	No Substitution

Health	½ Credit	
Art	½ Credit	
Computer Application	1 Credit	Usually BTE
Foreign Language	2 Credits	One Language
Electives	5 Credits	
Total	26 Credits	

*Beginning with 2012-2013 Freshman class

Opelika High School Diploma

AHSGE – pass all five parts (Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies)

English	4 Credits	4 English courses
Math	4 Credits	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, 1 math elective
Science	4 Credits	Biology, A Physical Science, 2 science electives
Social Studies	4 Credits	World History, US History 10 & 11, Govt/Econ
PE	1 Credit	No Substitution
Health	½ Credit	
Art	½ Credit	
Computer Application	1 Credit	Usually BTE
Electives	7 Credits	
Total	26 Credits	

Opelika High School Diploma with Credit Based Endorsement

AHSGE – pass three parts (Reading, Math, and 1 other)

English	4 Credits	4 English courses
Math	4 Credits	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, 1 math elective
Science	4 Credits	Biology, A Physical Science, 2 science electives
Social Studies	4 Credits	World History, US History 10 & 11, Govt/Econ
PE	1 Credit	No Substitution
Health	½ Credit	
Art	½ Credit	
Computer Application	1 Credit	Usually BTE
Electives	7 Credits	
Total	26 Credits	

This diploma type is not one to be selected by the student. Rather, it is an option that may be offered to a student by the Opelika City Schools at the end of the student's senior year if the student has failed to meet one of the other diploma options but has met the requirements for the Credit-Based Endorsement. *Students must continue to take any subject area test not passed through the spring of the student's 12th grade year. Please note that if a student exits school with the Credit-Based Endorsement, he cannot later pursue another diploma option.*

Additional Endorsements Available

Career/Technical Endorsement

Must have taken 2 Career/Technical courses in one area

Advanced Career/Technical Endorsement

Must have taken 3 Career/Technical courses in one area OR 2 Career/Technical courses and 1 academic course related to the career objective

Opelika High School Occupational Diploma

This diploma option is effective for students with disabilities as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Public Law 101-476). Students must earn the course credits outlined in AAC Rule 290-3-1-.02 (8)(g)1, take the AHSGE at least once, and successfully complete 270 hours of paid employment with supervision by the Career/Technical Co-Op Coordinator during their senior year. Students and parents will work with their case manager to determine if this diploma option and the occupational diploma courses are appropriate.