



## Richmond County Schools Graduation Requirements

*To earn a high school diploma, students must earn the specified 23 Carnegie units.*

REQUIRED AREA OF STUDY	HIGH SCHOOL COURSES
English/Language Arts	<b>4 Units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature/Composition (1 unit)</li> <li>• American Literature/Composition (1 unit)</li> <li>• 2 Additional Units in English/Language Arts</li> </ul>
Mathematics	<b>4 Units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra (1 unit)</li> <li>• Geometry (1 unit)</li> <li>• Algebra II (1 unit)</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> year math (1 unit)</li> </ul> <p>4<sup>th</sup> year math options: Advanced Mathematical Decision Making, Pre-Calculus or AP Statistics, Dual Enrollment course or other math courses.</p> <p><i>*Note:</i> Pre-Calculus is a pre-requisite for AP Calculus</p>
Science	<b>4 Units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology (1 unit)</li> <li>• Physical Science or Physics (1 unit)</li> <li>• Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or an AP course (1 unit)</li> <li>• Additional Science Unit (1 unit)</li> </ul> <p><i>*Any AP/IB science course may be substituted for the appropriate courses listed above.</i></p>
Social Studies	<b>3 Units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Government (.5 units)</li> <li>• Economics (.5 units)</li> <li>• World History or AP World History (1 unit)</li> <li>• U.S. History or AP U.S. History (1 unit)</li> </ul>
Health and Physical Education	<b>1 Unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Safety (.5 units)</li> <li>• Personal Fitness (.5 units)*</li> </ul> <p><i>*Three(3) units of credit in JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) may be used to satisfy the requirements</i></p>
CTAE (Career Technology, Agriculture, and Education)and/or Fine Arts, and/or Modern Language/Latin	<b>3 Units</b> <b>3 units</b> in CTAE, Fine Arts or Modern Language/Latin <p><i>*Students are encouraged to select courses in a focused area of interest</i></p>
Additional Elective Units	<b>4 Units</b> <i>For students entering a University System of Georgia institution, two units of the same World language is required; many colleges and universities require 3 units.</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23 Units</b>