



Richmond County Schools Graduation Requirements
 Students enrolled in Grade 9 for the first time during 2008 -09 and thereafter

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

REQUIRED AREA OF STUDY	HIGH SCHOOL COURSES
English/Language Arts	4 Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th Grade Literature/Composition (1 unit) • American Literature/Composition (1 unit) • 2 Additional Units in English/Language Arts
Mathematics <i>The mathematics courses listed are for the 9th grade class of 2015 – 16. Specific mathematics courses may vary according to the year of 9th grade entry. Consult the guidance for mathematics courses for years 2008 – 09 through 2014- 15.</i>	4 Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra (1 unit) • Geometry (1 unit) • Algebra II (1 unit) • 4th year math (1unit) 4 th year math options: Advanced Mathematical Decision Making, Pre-Calculus or AP Statistics, Dual Enrollment course or other math courses. <u>*Note:</u> Pre-Calculus is a pre-requisite for AP Calculus
Science	4 Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology (1 unit) • Physical Science or Physics (1 unit) • Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or an AP course (1 unit) • Additional Science Unit (1 unit) *Any AP/IB science course may be substituted for the appropriate courses listed above.
Social Studies	3 Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Government (.5 units) • Economics (.5 units) • World History or AP World History (1 unit) • U.S. History or AP U.S. History (1 unit)
Health and Physical Education	1 Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety (.5 units) • Personal Fitness (.5 units)* *Three(3) units of credit in JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) may be used to satisfy the requirements
CTAE (Career Technology, Agriculture, and Education)and/or Fine Arts, and/or Modern Language/Latin	3 Units 3 units in CTAE, Fine Arts or Modern Language/Latin *Students are encouraged to select courses in a focused area of interest
Additional Elective Units	4 Units <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>
TOTAL	23 Units



Richmond County Schools Graduation Requirements Move On When Ready (MOWR) Alternate Graduation Option

Students enrolled in Grade 9 for the first time during 2012-13 (Class of 2016) and thereafter

To earn a high school diploma, students must earn the specified **9** Carnegie units and complete

1. An Associate degree, or
2. A diploma from a technical college program or
3. Two(2) Technical Certificates in a specified pathway leading to industry certification

Important Notes:

1. Students must complete the End of Course Assessments associated with the required courses.
2. Students pursuing this option may not meet all of the admission requirements for University System of Georgia institutions or other college/university programs.
3. Students will not earn a diploma until all requirements (high school and postsecondary) are met.

REQUIRED AREA OF STUDY	HIGH SCHOOL COURSES
English/Language Arts	2 Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th Grade Literature/Composition (1 unit) • American Literature/Composition (1 unit)
Mathematics	2 Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra (1 unit) • Geometry (1 unit)
Science	2 Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology (1 unit) • Physical Science or Physics (1 unit)
Social Studies	2 Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Government (.5 units) • Economics (.5 units) • U.S. History/AP U.S. History (1 unit)
Health and Physical Education	1 Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety (.5 units) • Personal Fitness (.5 units)* <p>*Three(3) units of credit in JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) may be used to satisfy the requirements</p>
Postsecondary (MOWR) Courses	Students must fulfill postsecondary requirements for : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Associate Degree, or • a Technical Diploma, or • 2 Technical Certificates in a career pathway and all training prerequisites for any state, national or industry certification or licenses required to work in the field.