

High School Graduation

The Arizona State Board of Education establishes the requirements for graduation from high school. The minimum course of study and competency requirements are outlined in Title 7 Chapter 2 of [The Arizona Administrative Code](#). The minimum course of study State Board Rule is [R7-2-302](#).

Credit Requirements

The table below summarizes the *minimum* credit requirements for high school graduation in Arizona, starting with the graduating class of 2017. Please note that school districts and charter schools may, at their discretion, establish additional graduation credit requirements for their students.

SUBJECT	CREDITS
English or English as a Second Language	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
History & Social Science	3 credits
Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education	1 credit
Locally Prescribed Courses	7 credits

Key highlights from R7-2-302 are listed below.

Mathematics (1) Three credits containing course content in preparation for proficiency at the high school level on the statewide assessment and aligned to the Arizona Mathematics Standards for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. These three credits shall be taken beginning with the ninth grade unless a student meets these requirements prior to the ninth grade. (2) The requirement for the third credit covering Algebra II, may be met by, but is not limited to the following: a math course comparable to Algebra II course content; computer science, career and technical education and vocational education, economics, science and arts courses as determined by the local school district governing board or charter school. (3) The mathematics requirements may be modified for students using a [Personal Curriculum](#).

Science (4) Three credits of science in preparation for proficiency at the high school level on the statewide assessment.

History and Social Science (5) History and Social Science will minimally consist of one credit of American history, including Arizona history; one credit world history/geography; and one-half credit of government and one-half credit of economics. **NOTE:** Specific course requirements are outlined in [R7-2-302](#).