

Piedmont High School
Alabama High School Diploma: *Option B Workforce Pathway*

Starting in the 2025-26 school year, Alabama will be offering Option B Workforce Pathway. All students will still receive the same Alabama High School Diploma, but the state has elected to offer an additional pathway to get the same Alabama High School Diploma.

Students choosing Option B will only be required to take **two** math credits (instead of four math credits), **two** science credits (instead of four science credits), **AND** three career tech courses in the same domain (e.g., health science, business management, agriscience, etc). All students must still meet the other state or district requirements: four social science credits, four English language arts credits, one credit of PE, one credit of computer science, one credit of career prep, half credit of health, passing the senior civics test, passing the senior financial responsibility test, and having a total of 24 specific credits required to get an Alabama High School Diploma.

Math Credits Required for Option B: Geometry and Algebra I *OR* Algebra II*

*Students who took Accelerated 7th and 8th Grade Math will be required to take Algebra II in high school instead of Algebra I.

Science Credits Required for Option B: Biology and a physical science*

*Physical sciences include physical science, chemistry, and physics.

Career Tech Credit Pathways: (Must total three career tech courses for a total of three credits. Students can take classes through ACCESS or face-to-face at PHS.)

ACCESS Career Tech Offerings for Option B

CTE Cluster	CTE Program	ACCESS Foundation Course(s)	ACCESS Concentrator Courses
Business Management and Administration	Business Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Software Applications I • Career Preparedness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship • Economics and Financial Services (Fall 2025) • Data Analytics (Fall 2025)
Finance	Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Software Applications I • Career Preparedness • Personal Finance (1.0 cr) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting • Data Analytics (Fall 2025) • Economics and Financial Services (Fall 2025)
Finance	Financial Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Software Applications I • Career Preparedness • Personal Finance (1.0 cr) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship • Data Analytics (Fall 2025) • Economics and Financial Services (Fall 2025)
Health Science	Health Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Health Science - Required Foundation Course (Fall 2025) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigations • Human Body Structures and Functions (Fall 2025) • Medical Terminology (Fall 2025) • Safety and Health Regulations (Fall 2025)
Marketing	Professional Sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Software Applications I • Career Preparedness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship • Data Analytics (Fall 2025)

Piedmont High School Face-to-Face Offerings for Option B

Agriscience

Fundamentals of Ag .5 Credit
Intermediate Agriscience 1 Credit
Advanced Agriscience 1 Credit
Applied Agriscience 1 Credit

Health Science

Foundations of Health Science 1 Credit
Human Body Structures 1 Credit
Medical Terminology 1 Credit
OR Nurse Aide 2 Credits

(Other classes may be approved by the administration if they comply with ALSDE requirements)

Students on Option B will still be required to take the ACT.

In considering this option, it should be noted that ACT College Readiness Benchmark scores are 18 for English, 22 for reading, 22 for math, and 23 for science. These scores are often used by colleges to determine if students need remediation before entering college.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association has stated that Option B qualifies student athletes to play at the high school level. It is the responsibility of parents and students to learn the requirements for NCAA eligibility if the student plans to play athletics at the collegiate level.

It is the responsibility of parents and students to learn the required high school credits necessary to enroll in college or any postsecondary institution to determine if Option B is the right choice for their high school student.

It is the responsibility of parents and students who are on the advanced diploma and honors diploma track to meet all requirements to graduate with the required courses for such diploma track, for consideration for Top Ten, extracurricular activities, and clubs/organizations.

I have read and understand the requirements and my responsibilities for being on the Piedmont High School Option B Workforce Pathway. I understand that I may only depart from or join the Option B pathway at the end of a semester.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

If interested, return this form to Mrs. Todd by Friday, April 18, 2025.