

Houston County School District High School Graduation Requirements

Content Area	Required Credits	Information
English	4 credits	One English class in each year of high school, including Literature & Composition I, Literature & Composition II, and two other English classes.
Mathematics	4 credits	One math class in each year of high school, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and one other math class.
Science	4 credits	One science class in each year of high school, including Biology, Physical Science <u>or</u> Physics, Environmental Science <u>or</u> Chemistry, Earth Systems <u>or</u> an AP Science, and one other science class.
Social Studies	3 credits	Three social studies classes, including ½ credit American Gov't/Civics, World History, United States History, and ½ credit Economics.
CTAE	3 credits	Students must earn 3 credits, in any combination, from these three curriculum areas.
Fine Arts		Students who plan to continue a technical program of study at a technical college after high school are encouraged to take at least 3 credits in a single CTAE career pathway.
Foreign Language		Students planning to attend a 4-year college or university immediately after high school must earn a minimum of 2 credits in the same foreign language.
Health & Physical Education	1 credit	½ credit Personal Fitness and ½ credit Health. A student taking 3 credits of JROTC will satisfy this requirement.
Electives	5 credits	Students planning to attend a 4-year college or university are encouraged to take at least 2 electives from academic curriculum areas beyond what students need to fulfill graduation requirements.
Total	24 credits	Students can earn a minimum of 28 Carnegie units during four years in the high school program, grades 9- 12.
Promotion to the next grade is based on credits earned. 10 th = 5 credits 11 th = 11 credits 12 th = 17 credits		The courses listed below require a Georgia Milestones Assessment (EOC) for the 25-26 school year: Literature & Composition II, Algebra I, Biology, and Non-Dual Enrollment US History.
		1 credit typically consists of two semesters: ½ a credit each. Credit is earned when a minimum passing grade is achieved. For non-dual enrollment courses, a passing grade is 70 or above.

The Georgia Department of Education requires all students to complete a full-day schedule.

HCHS students can meet this requirement by taking classes on the HCHS campus, at HCCA, through off-campus Dual Enrollment, or by participating in Work-Based Learning.

All students at HCHS follow a seven-period schedule that includes required graduation courses and elective options.