

- **High School Graduation Requirements**

In support of student success, the Atlanta Board of Education shall offer programs of study that permit students to earn unit credit in grades 9 through 12 leading to graduation with a diploma that prepares students for postsecondary education and careers. To participate in any graduation exercises or ceremonies, Atlanta Public Schools seniors must meet all of the requirements specified below for a regular education diploma or a special education diploma.

| Area of study | Units required for ninth-graders entering in 2013-2014 and beyond |
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| English/Language Arts | <p>4</p> <p><i>1 unit Ninth Grade Literature/Composition</i></p> <p><i>1 unit American Literature/Composition</i></p> <p><i>2 units English/Language Arts Core, including AP/IB courses</i></p> |
| Mathematics | <p>4</p> <p><i>1 unit Mathematics 1, GSE Algebra, or equivalent</i></p> <p><i>1 unit Mathematics 2, GSE Geometry, or equivalent</i></p> <p><i>1 unit Mathematics 3, GSE Advanced Algebra, or equivalent</i></p> <p><i>1 additional unit Mathematics Core, including AP/IB courses</i></p> <p><i>*See requirements for students with disabilities below</i></p> |
| Science | <p>4</p> <p><i>1 unit Biology 1</i></p> <p><i>1 unit Physical Science or Physics 1</i></p> <p><i>1 unit Chemistry 1, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or an AP/IB course</i></p> <p><i>1 unit Science Core, including AP/IB courses</i></p> |
| Social Studies | <p>3</p> <p><i>1 unit United States History</i></p> <p><i>1 unit World History</i></p> <p><i>½ unit Economics/Business/Free Enterprise</i></p> <p><i>½ unit American Government/Civics</i></p> |

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| Modern Language/Latin | 2 |
| | <i>2 units of the same modern language, Latin, American Sign Language, or Computer Science</i> |
| Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, Modern Language/Latin or Fine Arts | 1 |
| Physical Education | 1 |
| | <i>½ unit Personal Fitness</i> |
| Health | ½ |
| | <i>½ unit Health</i> |
| Community Service | ½ |
| Required | 20 |
| Electives | 4 |
| Total | 24 |