

High School Diploma Graduation Requirements

High school graduation requirements ensure students get the basic education they need to do well in their further studies and careers. To receive an Alberta High School Diploma, students must complete a full range of compulsory, core subjects as well as optional courses that broaden their knowledge and skills.

Diploma requirements are set by the Minister of Education and include 100 credits in compulsory and optional courses. Schools are required to provide 25 hours of instruction for each credit. Most courses are worth either three or five credits, and the average course load is 35 credits per year.

Diploma requirements are outlined in the chart below.

ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (ENGLISH)
The requirements indicated in this chart are the <u>minimum</u> requirements for a student to attain an Alberta High School Diploma. The requirements for entry into post-secondary institutions and workplaces may require additional and/or specific courses.
100 CREDITS including the following:
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS - 30 LEVEL (English Language Arts 30-1, 30-2)
SOCIAL STUDIES - 30 LEVEL (Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2)
MATHEMATICS - 20 LEVEL (Mathematics 20-1, 20-2 or 20-3)
SCIENCE - 20 LEVEL (Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10 (3 CREDITS)
CAREER AND LIFE MANAGEMENT (3 CREDITS)
10 CREDITS IN ANY COMBINATION FROM:

- Career and Technology Studies (CTS)
- Fine Arts
- Second Languages
- Physical Education 20 and/or 30
- Locally developed/acquired and locally authorized courses in CTS, fine arts, second languages, Knowledge and Employability or IOP occupational courses
- Knowledge and Employability or IOP occupational courses
- Registered Apprenticeship Program

10 CREDITS IN ANY 30-LEVEL COURSE (IN ADDITION TO A 30-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND A 30-LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE AS SPECIFIED ABOVE)

These courses may include:

- 35-level Locally developed/acquired and locally authorized courses
- 3000 Series; Advanced Level in Career and Technology Studies Courses
- 35-level Work Experience
- 30-4 level Knowledge and Employability course or 36-level IOP course
- 35-level Registered Apprenticeship Program
- 30-level Green Certificate Specialization

** Students in Francophone programs may meet their Language Arts diploma requirements with Français 30 or 33, but they also must complete English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2.*