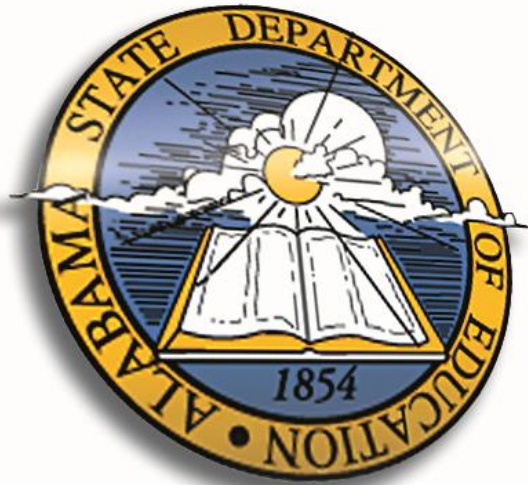


Summary of Proposed Administrative Code Amendment



**Chapter 290-3-1.02
Regulations Governing
Public Schools**

Diploma Requirement Revisions

Deleted old graduation requirement Rule 290-3-1-.02(8.1) through Rule 290-3-1-.02(8.3)(f)

Replaced Rule 290-3-1-.02(8.1) with current diploma requirements and applicable information from Rule 290-3-1-.02(8)

Added new diploma requirements and accompanying information as Rule 290-3-1-.02(8)



Alabama High School Diploma

Effective 2013-2014

290-3-1-.02(8)

290-3-1-.02(8)(a)

(8) Diploma Requirements. Effective for students who begin the ninth grade in the 2013-14 school year, all students shall earn the required credits for the Alabama High School Diploma. A local board of education may establish requirements for receipt of diplomas and endorsements, but any diploma or endorsement shall include the requirements of the Alabama High School Diploma. The Alabama courses of study shall be followed in determining minimum required content in each discipline.

(a) Alabama High School Diploma.

	Credits
English Language Arts	4
Four credits to include:	
English 9	1
English 10	1
English 11	1
English 12	1
Equivalent options may include:	
Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary	
Mathematics	4
Three credits to include:	
Algebra I, or its equivalent	1
Geometry, or its equivalent	1
Algebra II w/Trigonometry or Algebra II, or its equivalent	1
One credit from:	
Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics or	
Career and Technical Education/Advanced Placement/	
International Baccalaureate/postsecondary equivalent courses	1
Science	4
Two credits to include:	
Biology	1
A physical science	1
Two credits from:	
Alabama Course of Study: Science or Career and Technical Education/	
Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/	
postsecondary equivalent courses	2
Social Studies*	4
Four credits to include:	
World History	1
United States History I	1
United States History II	1
United States Government	0.5
Economics	0.5
Equivalent options may include:	
Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/postsecondary	
Physical Education	1
Lifelong Individualized Fitness Education (LIFE)	1
Health Education	0.5
Career Preparedness	1
Career and Technical Education and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education	3
Electives	2.5
Local boards shall offer foreign languages, arts education, physical education,	
wellness education, career and technical education, and driver education as electives.	
TOTAL	24

*All four credits shall comply with the current Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies

Information Brought Forth

290-3-1-.02(8)(b)

(b) Credit Restrictions.

1. A student shall not earn credit toward graduation for a course that duplicates course content for which credit has already been awarded.

Information Brought Forth Continued

290-3-1-.02(8)(c)

(c) Substitution Subjects for Physical Education in Grades 9-12. Until funding is obtained for K-8 physical education teachers, there will be no exception to the one required unit of physical education in Grades 9-12. Any Alabama public school system that has adequate certified physical education teachers in Grades K-8 may request of the State Superintendent of Education that the exemptions of the one credit of physical education in Grades 9-12 be applied as listed below:

Information Brought Forth

Continued

290-3-1-.02(8)(d)3

Conditions Pertaining to Issuance of Diploma

1. High school diplomas shall be issued only upon the authority of the county or city board of education and shall be on forms prescribed or approved by the local board. Diplomas shall bear the signature of the local superintendent of education and the principal of the school. It is recommended that the signature of the chairman of the city or county board of education be included also.

Inserted Conditions of Issuance of Graduation Certificates

290-3-1-.02(8)(e)

(e) Conditions of Issuance of Graduation Certificates. (Refer to Graduation Activities and Diplomas of Special Education Services AAC Rule 290-8-9-.10(9)(c) through 290-8-9-.10(9)(g).)

Code Number Changes

Sample

290-3-1-.02(8.1)

~~(8)~~(8.1) Diploma Requirements. Effective for students who begin the ninth grade in the 1996-97 school year, to earn an Alabama High School Diploma, students shall pass the required assessment and earn the required credits for the Alabama High School Diploma or the Alabama High School Diploma with Advanced Academic Endorsement. A local board of education may establish requirements for receipt of diplomas and endorsements, but any diploma or endorsement shall include the requirements for the Alabama High School Diploma. The Alabama state courses of study shall be followed in determining minimum required content in each discipline. Content of courses not defined in the Alabama courses of study shall be approved by the local board of education. Refer to AAC Rule 290-3-1-.02 (8.1)(h-1) for requirements of the Alabama Occupational Diploma. Section 8.1—8.1(i-1)1 expires with the cohort of students who entered the ninth grade in 2012-13.

Deleted Adult Diploma Program

~~SUPP. NO. 98-4 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES~~

~~290-3-1-.02(17) — 290-3-1-.02(17)(b)5.~~

~~————— (18) ——— Adult Diploma Program. Local boards of education are authorized by the State Board of Education to adopt policies determining the conditions and establishing the basis for granting high school credits and awarding high school diplomas to adults on the basis of prescribed work completed in the adult diploma program of the local school district.~~