

# Program of Study



The State Board of Education offers one diploma.

GSE Graduation Standards	
English 4 units	<p>4 units which have an emphasis on grammar and usage, literature (American, English, World), and advanced composition skills.</p> <p>9th Grade: 9th Literature/Composition 10th Grade: Multicultural Literature/Composition 11th Grade: American Literature 12th Grade: Advanced Composition</p> <p>*Honors offered in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades</p>
Math 4 units	<p>4 units.</p> <p>9th Grade: GSE Algebra 1 10th Grade: GSE Geometry 11th Grade: GSE Algebra 2 12th Grade: GSE Pre-Calculus or Statistical Reasoning.</p> <p>*Accelerated math offered in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who have completed GSE Algebra in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will move on to either GSE Geometry or Honors Geometry.</p>
Science 4 units	<p>4 units in natural science, two must have a laboratory component. At least one unit of Biology; one unit of Physical Science or Physics; one unit of Chemistry, Earth Science, or Environmental Science. The fourth science unit may be used to meet both the science and elective requirements.</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Biology or Earth Systems 10th Grade: Earth Systems or Chemistry 11th Grade: Physics or Chemistry or Earth Systems or Environmental Science. 12th Grade: Science of choice</p> <p>*Honors Biology offered in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.</p>
Social Studies 3 units	<p>3 units with at least one course focusing on United States studies and one course focusing on World Studies. One half-unit is also required in: Economics and American Government.</p> <p>9th Grade: NO Social Studies Required. 10th Grade: World History 11th Grade: United States History 12th Grade: .5 unit of Personal Finance &amp; Economics and .5 unit of American Government</p>

<p>Health/ Personal Fitness 1 unit</p> <p>OR</p> <p>ROTC 3 units</p>	<p>Students shall combine one-half units of credit of Health and Personal Fitness, to satisfy this requirement. Three (3) units of credit in JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) may be used to satisfy this requirement. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: .5 Health AND .5 Personal Fitness OR 3 units of ROTC Naval Sciences 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: ROTC Naval Sciences 1</p>
<p>Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) OR Modern Language or Latin (Formerly called "Foreign Language") OR Fine Arts</p> <p>3 Total Units In any combination of the three areas. Areas can be mixed and matched.</p>	<p>A total of three units of credit shall be required from the following areas: CTAE and/or Modern Language and/or Fine Arts. Students are encouraged to select courses in a focused area of interest. The three credits can be any combination of the three areas. Areas may be mixed and matched.</p> <p><b>I. Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Pathways:</b> Students may earn three units of credit in a sequence of CTAE courses through a self-selected pathway leading to college readiness and a career readiness certificate endorsed by related industries.</p> <p><b>II. Modern Language or Latin:</b> Students are encouraged to earn two units of credit in the same modern language OR Latin.</p> <p>*Students planning on Entering a <b>University system or college:</b> MUST take two units of the <i>same</i> modern language/Latin.</p> <p>*Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education (DTAE) institutions (<b>Technical College System of Georgia</b>) DO NOT require modern language/Latin for admissions.</p> <p>Students whose native language is not English may be considered to have met the foreign language expectation by exercising the credit in lieu of enrollment option if they are proficient in their native language. A formal examination is not necessary if other evidence of proficiency is available.</p> <p><b>III. Fine Arts:</b> Electives may be selected from courses in fine arts.</p>
<p>Other Electives 4 units</p>	<p>4 units (from any courses)</p>
<p>Total Credit</p>	<p>23 units required for graduation</p>