

# Georgia DOE Graduation Requirements

<b>English</b> **ESOL or ELL Lit./Comp. courses will count toward the required 4 units	<b>4 units required, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 unit of 9th Grade Literature and Composition</li> <li>• 1 unit of American Literature and Composition</li> <li>• 2 additional units of Lit./Comp English</li> </ul>
<b>Math:</b> **4-year GA colleges require a math beyond GPS Algebra II. Be sure to check with the colleges you are interested in to see which level they require. **Any students planning on a STEM (math/science) major, should plan to take Pre-Calc. and/or a higher math course prior to graduation.	<b>4 units required</b> 1 unit of Algebra 1 unit of Geometry 1 unit of Algebra II 1 unit of additional Math: (Foundations of Algebra I, College Readiness Math, Statistical Reasoning, Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, or AP Calculus)  <b>*Students on the Acc. math track must take a math beyond Pre-Calculus to get to 4 math credits.</b> <b>*Foundations of Algebra I can count toward the required 4 units, however, a math beyond Alg. II is required for 4-year college admissions</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>4 units of Science required, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 unit of Biology (can be AP/IB)</li> <li>• 1 unit of Physical Science or Physics (AP/IB)</li> <li>• 1 unit of Chemistry, Earth Systems, Env. Science, or an AP/IB course</li> <li>• 1 unit of a 4th science, including any AP/IB, or other science, and AP Computer Science (NOT including AP Seminar/AP Research or Hon. Scientific Research)</li> </ul> NOTE: <b>Specific</b> career tech courses, <b>as approved by the GA DOE</b> , can be used for the fourth science credit for graduation, but may not satisfy the 4 <sup>th</sup> science credit for college admissions. (ex: Intro to Healthcare Science available through GAVS)
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3 units of Social Studies required, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 unit of World History</li> <li>• 1 unit of United States History</li> <li>• ½ unit of American Government/Civics</li> <li>• ½ unit of Economics</li> </ul>
<b>Elective Credits</b>  <b>**Students planning to enter a 4-year University System of Georgia institution from high school MUST take at least 2 units of the same foreign language**</b>	<b>7 units required, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of <b>3 units are required from: Career Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) and/or Foreign Language and/or Fine Arts for all students.</b> If a student uses a CTAE course for the fourth science credit, only the second and third courses of a CTAE pathway will count towards these electives. **</li> <li>• <b>4 additional elective units</b></li> </ul>
<b>Health/Personal Fitness</b>	<b>1-unit total</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ½ Health                      • ½ Personal Fitness</li> </ul>
<b>Total Units Needed</b>	<span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;"><b>23</b></span>
<b>PROMOTION RULE</b>	
To promote to 10 <sup>th</sup> grade – Earn 5 units to include one unit each of core English, Math, and Science To promote to 11 <sup>th</sup> grade – Earn 10 units to include and two units each of core English, Math, and Science To promote to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade – Earn 16 units (nonspecific)	
NOTE: At Pope High School, due to our traditional schedule, students need 17 units by the start of their 4 <sup>th</sup> year to avoid having to take extra courses outside of the normal school day to graduate on time.	
<b>TESTING REQUIREMENTS</b>	
Students enrolled in the following high school courses prior to and including the 2018-19 school year must have taken State End of Course (EOC) exams: Ninth Lit., American Lit, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, Physical Science, US History, and Economics. Their score on the EOC exam would count 20% of the final course grade. Due to Covid-19, the GA DOE exempted EOC testing requirements for the spring semester of 2020. Students could opt to take EOCs during the fall/spring semesters 2020-21 should those scores improve their final grade. Starting Fall 2021, the required EOC courses were limited to: Algebra I, Biology, US History, and American Literature. Students taking these courses must take the EOC and their score will count 20% of the course grade.	
NOTE: Students transferring from out-of-state accredited public high schools or accredited private high schools are exempt from having to retroactively take EOCs. Students transferring credits from non-accredited schools/programs (i.e. Home Schools) must retroactively take EOCs only for the EOCs currently required for applicable courses for which they wish to earn credit.	
<b>EOC courses: GSE Algebra, Biology, American Literature, US History</b>	