

Graduation Requirements

*****Note: GA Graduation requirements may not be the same as college admissions requirements**

**It is the student's responsibility to research admission requirements for college admission that may differ from graduation requirements, particularly for out-of-state or private institutions.

English	4 units required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit of Literature and Composition I • 1 unit of Literature and Composition II • 2 additional units of Lit./Comp English
Math <i>**University System of Georgia (USG) institutions require a math beyond Algebra II/Advanced Algebra for admission. It is the student's responsibility to research admission standards for ALL colleges (in-state, out-of-state, private, etc.) to verify requirements are met.</i> <i>**Any students planning on a STEM (math/science) major, should plan to take Pre-Calc. and/or a higher math course prior to graduation.</i>	4 units required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit of Algebra • 1 unit of Geometry • 1 unit of Algebra II/Advanced Algebra • 1 unit of additional Math: College Readiness Math, Statistical Reasoning, Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Calculus, etc.
Science <i>** See counselor for clarification on which classes can be used for the 4th science credit.</i>	4 units required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit of Biology (can be AP/IB) • 1 unit of Physics (can be AP/IB) or Physical Science (<i>by teacher rec</i>) • 1 unit of Chemistry, Earth Systems, Env. Science, or an AP/IB course • 1 unit of a 4th science, including any AP/IB, or other science, and AP Computer Science and/or AP Computer Science Principles
Social Studies	3 units required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit of World History • 1 unit of United States History • ½ unit of American Government/Civics • ½ unit of Economics
Electives <i>**Four-Year University System of Georgia (USG) Institutions require either 2 years of the same World/Foreign Language, ASL, or 2 years of Computer Science to meet the language requirement</i>	7 units required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 3 units are required from: Career Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) and/or World/Foreign Language** and/or Fine Arts for all students. <i>NOTE: Eligible CTAE courses taken to meet the 4th science requirement cannot be counted twice to also meet an elective requirement (in other words, no "double-dipping")</i> • 4 additional elective units from any credit-bearing subject area
Health/Personal Fitness <i>**Students who complete 3 full ROTC courses are considered to have met the Health/Personal Fitness graduation requirement</i>	1 unit required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ½ Health • ½ Personal Fitness
Total Units Needed	23

PROMOTION RULE

To promote to 10th grade – Earn 5 units, including one unit each of required English, Math, and Science

To promote to 11th grade – Earn 10 units, including and two units each of required English, Math, and Science

To promote to 12th grade – Earn 16 units* (nonspecific)

*NOTE: Due to Pope High School's traditional schedule, students need 17 units by the start of their 4th year to avoid having to take extra courses outside of the normal school day to earn the required 23 credits by May in order to graduate on time.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Due to COVID-19, 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 reduced to: **Algebra I, Biology, US History, and American Literature.** Students taking these courses must take the EOC and their score will count 10% of the course grade.

Starting in 2025-2026, English EOC will be taken in Literature and Composition II.

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 for course credits they wish to transfer.

More information about the University System of Georgia admission requirements can be found in the Staying on Course Guide on www.usg.edu.