

The Stephens County Board of Education shall require students to satisfy all state requirements, to the extent not waived in the strategic waiver contract, and local graduation requirements set by the Board in order to earn a high school diploma. Students and their parents shall be advised of graduation requirements applicable to their graduating class through student handbooks, advisement materials, or the graduation planning process, as required by state law and the applicable Georgia State Board of Education rules.

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to develop any administrative regulations or procedures that may be needed to implement this policy.

Graduation Requirements :

- A. Students who enroll from another state shall meet the graduation requirements for the graduating class they enter and the state assessment requirements as referenced in Rule 160-3-1-.07.
- B. Students must earn a total of ~~twenty-four (24) units of credit~~ **twenty three (23) units of credit** for courses that include concepts and skills based on curriculum standards approved by the State Board of Education and must meet the state assessment requirements referenced in Rule 160-3-1-.07. Units may be awarded for courses offered in the middle school that meet grades 9-12 curriculum requirements. No course credit may be awarded for which instruction is based on grades K-8 curriculum requirements.
- C. Students must earn four (4) units of credit in the area of English/Language Arts.
- D. Students must earn four (4) units of credit in the area of Mathematics.
- E. Students must earn four (4) units of credit in the area of Science.
- F. Students must earn ~~four (4)~~ **three (3)** units of credit in the area of Social Studies.
- G. Students must earn three (3) units of credit in the areas of CTAE and/or Modern Language/Latin and/or Fine Arts.
- H. Students must earn one (1) unit of credit in the areas of Health and Physical Education. One-half (1/2) unit of credit must be earned for the area of Health. One-half (1/2) unit of credit must be earned for the area of Physical Education. Three (3) units of credit earned in the area of JROTC shall be the equivalent of one-half (1/2) unit of credit for the area of Physical Education and one-half (1/2) unit of credit for the area of Health.
- I. Students must earn four (4) units of credit in courses considered to be Electives.
 - 1. Upon earning four (4) units of credit in the area of Science, the student shall be awarded an additional unit of credit in the area of Electives as stipulated in Rule 160-4-2-.48.