## Georgia DOE Graduation Requirements

### English
- **ESOL or ELL Lit./Comp. courses will count toward the required 4 units**

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<td>4 units required, including:</td>
<td>1 unit of 9th Grade Literature and Composition</td>
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<td>1 unit of American Literature and Composition</td>
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<td>2 additional units of Lit./Comp English</td>
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### Math:
- **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.**

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<td>1 unit of Geometry</td>
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<td>1 unit of Algebra II</td>
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<td>1 unit of additional Math: (Foundations of Algebra I, College Readiness Math, Statistical Reasoning, Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, or AP Calculus)</td>
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*Students on the Acc. math track must take a math beyond Pre-Calculus to get to 4 math credits.*

*Foundations of Algebra I can count toward the required 4 units, however, a math beyond Alg. II is required for 4-year college admissions*

### Science
- **4 units of Science required, including:**
  - 1 unit of Biology (can be AP/IB)
  - 1 unit of Physical Science or Physics (AP/IB)
  - 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 *(NOT including AP Seminar/AP Research or Hon. Scientific Research)*

**NOTE:** Specific career tech courses, as approved by the GA DOE, can be used for the fourth science credit for graduation, but may not satisfy the 4th science credit for college admissions. *(ex: Intro to Healthcare Science available through GAVS)*

### Social Studies
- **3 units of Social Studies required, including:**
  - 1 unit of World History
  - 1 unit of United States History
  - ½ unit of American Government/Civics
  - ½ unit of Economics

### Elective Credits
- **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**

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<td>7 units required, including:</td>
<td>A total of 3 units are required from: Career Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) and/or Foreign Language and/or Fine Arts for all students. 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. **</td>
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<td>4 additional elective units</td>
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### Health/Personal Fitness
- **1-unit total**
  - ½ Health
  - ½ Personal Fitness

### Total Units Needed
- 23

**PROMOTION RULE**

- To promote to 10th grade – Earn 5 units to include one unit each of core English, Math, and Science
- To promote to 11th grade – Earn 10 units to include and two units each of core English, Math, and Science
- To promote to 12th grade – Earn 16 units (nonspecific)

**NOTE:** At Pope High School, due to our 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 graduate on time.

**TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

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.

EOC courses: GSE Algebra, Biology, American Literature, US History