

# South Carolina Diploma Pathways Overview



## Diploma Pathways

Student Eligibility  
2018-19 Ninth  
Graders  
and beyond

## Seals of Distinction

Optional for  
students to pursue  
one or more

- **SC Diploma Requirements for all (24 credits)**
- **Optional Seals of Distinction – multiple Seals available**
- **Optional Personal Pathways – possible innovative course options; approved by District/SCDE and align with student's post-secondary plan**

- **Honors Seal of Distinction**
- **College-Ready Seal of Distinction**
- **Career Seal of Distinction**
- **Specialization Seal of Distinction**
- **Each has a set of criteria for qualification**



# DIPLOMA PATHWAYS SEALS OF DISTINCTION OVERVIEW

**One or more Seals may be earned, but are not required for graduation.**

\*Consult District or School Curriculum Guides for more information regarding curriculum choices and requirements.

<b>Honors Seal of Distinction</b>	<b>College-Ready Seal of Distinction</b>	<b>Career Seal of Distinction</b>	<b>Specialization Seal of Distinction (Complete one area to qualify)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GPA 3.5 or higher</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>English-</u></b> *4 Credits 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p><b><u>Math-</u></b> *4 Credits 3 at honors or higher level (Alg. 2 as a prerequisite for the 4<sup>th</sup> higher level credit)</p> <p><b><u>Lab Science -</u></b> *3 Credits 2 at honors or higher</p> <p><b><u>Social Studies-</u></b> *3 Credits 2 at the honors or higher level</p> <p><b><u>World Languages -</u></b> *2 Credits of the same language for class of 18-19 9th graders *3 Credits of the same language for entering 9<sup>th</sup> graders 19-20 and beyond</p> <p><b><u>Advanced Coursework-</u></b> 4 credits of honors or higher in Jr/Sr years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GPA 3.0 or higher</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OR</u></b></p> <p><b>ACT</b> (Composite Score) = 20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OR</u></b></p> <p><b>SAT</b> = 1020 (combined math and evidenced-based reading/writing scores)</p> <p><b><u>English-</u></b> *4 Credits</p> <p><b><u>Math-</u></b> *4 Credits Alg. 1, Geometry, Alg.2 and 4<sup>th</sup> Math with Alg.2 or Integrated Math 3 as a prerequisite</p> <p><b><u>Lab Science-</u></b> *3 Credits</p> <p><b><u>Social Studies-</u></b> *3 Credits</p> <p><b><u>World Language-</u></b> *2 Credits of the same language</p> <p><b><u>Fine Arts-</u></b> 1 Credit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GPA 2.5 or higher</b></li> </ul> <p>(Innovative courses <u>may</u> be approved and must align with student’s post secondary plan.)</p> <p><b><u>English-</u></b> *4 Credits</p> <p><b><u>Math-</u></b> *4 Credits</p> <p><b><u>Science-</u></b> *3 Credits</p> <p><b><u>Social Studies-</u></b> *3 Credits</p> <p>And <b><u>Completion of an EEDA major</u></b></p> <p>And one of the following: <b><u>Earn at least 1 industry-recognized credential</u></b> <b><u>OR</u></b> <b><u>Silver or higher on WIN</u></b> <b><u>OR</u></b> <b><u>A semester-long WBL placement credit.</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GPA 3.0 or higher (all areas)</b></li> <li>• <b><u>STEM-</u></b> *4 credits beyond required courses in math, science, and technology ; at least 2 at honors level or higher; may be in 1 area of STEM or across 4 areas</li> <li>• <b><u>World Language-</u></b> *4 credits in the <u>same language</u> and/or minimum ACTFL Exam score of “Intermediate Low” ; Or AP exam score- 3 or higher Or IB exam score- 4 or higher before the senior year; Limited English Proficiency students – all criteria above and Level 5 composite ACCESS test score</li> <li>• <b><u>Military-</u></b> *4 credits in JROTC; and an ASVAB score of 31 or higher</li> <li>• <b><u>Arts-</u></b> *4 credits in single or multiple areas of the Arts; 2 or more at Honors or higher level; Mastery on external exam or performance task</li> </ul>