

High School Graduation Requirements*

The State of Alaska requires public school students to complete a minimum of 21 units of credit to graduate from high school. The state specifies 13 of those required units of credit. The recommended units better help prepare students for scholarships and postsecondary education opportunities.

Language Arts	Recommended units: 4 Required units: 4 Courses may include: composition, speech and debate, creative writing, American or world literature.
Math	Recommended units: 4 Required units: 3 Courses may include: algebra I & II, geometry, calculus, statistics, trigonometry.
Social Studies Units	Recommended units: 4 Required units: 3, including 0.5 units in Alaska history Courses may include: American or world history, geography, economics, government/civics, sociology.
Science Units	Recommended units: 4 Required units: 2 Courses may include: physical or earth science, biology, chemistry, physics
P.E./Health Units	Recommended units: 2 Required units: 1
Electives	Required units: 8
World Language	Recommended units: 2 in the same world, Alaska Native, or American Sign Language
Fine Arts	Recommended units: 2
Cultural Heritage	Recommended units: 2
Career & Technical Education (CTE)	Recommended units: 2 progressively rigorous semesters within a single career cluster
TOTAL # Units	Required to graduate: 21

*These are the state's minimum requirements and recommended units for Alaska public high school graduation. It is common for public school districts to have additional credit requirements for graduation. Private schools determine their own credit requirements for graduation. Please check with your school guidance counselor to get help planning your course curriculum.