

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - ADVANCED ENDORSEMENTS

In addition to the base requirements for RCAS Base High School Diploma, students may earn advanced endorsements that are in alignment with the student's personal learning plan. Advanced endorsements outline specific coursework within the base diploma requirements to denote specific emphases. Student may earn one or more of three advanced endorsements: Advanced Endorsement, Advanced Career Endorsement and Advanced Honors Endorsement. Rapid City Area Schools acknowledges all advanced endorsements and will include these endorsements on transcripts. The requirements beyond the RCAS base high school diploma requirements are in green text in each advanced endorsement section below.

<b>ADVANCED ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS</b> - Indicates a student has pursued coursework consistent with entrance requirements for postsecondary education at a university.		
<b>4 CREDITS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS</b> must include: • <b>English 9</b> (Includes writing): 1 credit • <b>English 11</b> (Includes .5 credit of American Literature): 1 credit	• <b>English 10</b> (Includes Speech or Debate .5 credit): 1 credit • <b>Language Arts Elective</b> : 1 credit	<b>1 CREDIT OF FINE ARTS</b>
<b>3 CREDITS OF MATHEMATICS</b> must include: • <b>Geometry</b> : 1 credit	• <b>Algebra 1</b> : 1 credit • <b>Algebra 2</b> : 1 credit	<b>.5 CREDIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE or ECONOMICS</b>
<b>3 CREDITS OF SCIENCE</b> must include: • <b>A Physical Science Course</b> : 1 credit	• <b>Biology</b> : 1 credit • <b>Lab Science Elective</b> : 1 credit	<b>1 CREDIT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH</b>
<b>3 CREDITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES</b> must include: • <b>U.S. History</b> : 1.5 credits • <b>World Geography</b> : .5 credit	• <b>U.S. Government</b> : .5 credit • <b>World History</b> : .5 credit	<b>.5 CREDIT OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS</b>
<b>3.5 RCAS ACADEMIES CREDITS</b>		<b>2.5 CREDITS OF ELECTIVES</b>
<b>ADVANCED CAREER ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS</b> - Indicates a student has career experience in a concentrated area, based on academic and/or workplace experience and a related credential.		
<b>4 CREDITS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS</b> must include: • <b>English 9</b> (Includes writing): 1 credit • <b>English 11</b> (Includes .5 credit of American Literature): 1 credit	• <b>English 10</b> (Includes Speech or Debate .5 credit): 1 credit • <b>Language Arts Elective</b> : 1 credit	<b>1 CREDIT OF FINE ARTS</b>
<b>3 CREDITS OF MATHEMATICS</b> must include: • <b>Geometry</b> : 1 credit	• <b>Algebra 1</b> : 1 credit • <b>Math Elective</b> : 1 credit	<b>.5 CREDIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE or ECONOMICS</b>
<b>3 CREDITS OF SCIENCE</b> must include: • <b>A Physical Science Course</b> : 1 credit	• <b>Biology</b> : 1 credit • <b>Science Elective</b> : 1 credit	<b>1 CREDIT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH</b>
<b>3 CREDITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES</b> must include: • <b>U.S. History</b> : 1.5 credits • <b>World Geography</b> : .5 credit	• <b>U.S. Government</b> : .5 credit • <b>World History</b> : .5 credit	<b>.5 CREDIT OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS</b>
<b>3.5 RCAS ACADEMIES CREDITS</b> from the same career cluster or Capstone Experience AND attainment of an industry-recognized credential or National Career Readiness Certificate of Silver or higher		<b>2.5 CREDITS OF ELECTIVES</b>
<b>ADVANCED HONORS ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS</b> - Indicates a student has pursued advanced rigorous, academic coursework consistent with &13-55-31 (High school course requirements for opportunity scholarship eligibility: <a href="https://sdos.sdbor.edu">sdos.sdbor.edu</a> ). All coursework completed with a "C" or higher.		
<b>4 CREDITS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS</b> must include: • <b>English 9</b> (Includes writing): 1 credit • <b>English 11</b> (Includes .5 credit of American Literature): 1 credit	• <b>English 10</b> (Includes Speech or Debate .5 credit): 1 credit • <b>Language Arts Elective</b> : 1 credit	<b>1 CREDIT OF FINE ARTS</b>
<b>4 CREDITS OF MATHEMATICS</b> must include: • <b>Geometry</b> : 1 credit • <b>Advanced Mathematics</b> : 1 credit (details at <a href="https://sdos.sdbor.edu">sdos.sdbor.edu</a> )	• <b>Algebra 1</b> : 1 credit • <b>Algebra 2</b> : 1 credit	<b>.5 CREDIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE or ECONOMICS</b>
<b>4 CREDITS OF SCIENCE</b> must include: • <b>Chemistry</b> : 1 credit • <b>Science Elective</b> : 1 credit	• <b>Biology</b> : 1 credit • <b>Physics or any Physical Science</b> : 1 credit	<b>1 CREDIT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH</b>
<b>3 CREDITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES</b> must include: • <b>U.S. History</b> : 1.5 credits • <b>World Geography</b> : .5 credit	• <b>U.S. Government</b> : .5 credit • <b>World History</b> : .5 credit	<b>.5 CREDIT OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS</b>
<b>3.5 RCAS ACADEMIES CREDITS</b>		<b>2.5 CREDITS OF ELECTIVES</b>