

APPENDIX 1: Career Diploma Graduation Requirements

Required for Career Diploma graduates entering high school as of fall 2014
Subject to Legislative Approval

REQUIRED COURSE CREDITS

ENGLISH = 4 Units

Units	Courses
1 Unit	English I
1 Unit	English II
2 Units from the following:	English III, English IV, AP or IB English courses, Business English, Technical Writing, or LCTCS equivalent English credits offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

MATH = 4 Units

Units	Courses
1 Unit	Algebra I, Algebra I Part One, and Algebra I Part Two, or an applied or hybrid Algebra course
3 Units from the following:	Geometry, Math Essentials, Financial Mathematics, Business Math, Algebra II, Algebra III, Advanced Math – Functions and Statistics, Advanced, Math – Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, or LCTCS equivalent math credits offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
(Integrated Mathematics I, II and III may be substituted for Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II, and shall be considered the equivalent of 3 math units)	

SCIENCE = 2 Units

Units	Courses
1 Unit	Biology I
1 Unit from the following:	Chemistry I, Earth Science; Environmental Science; Physical Science; Agriscience I and Agriscience II (one unit combined); AP or IB Science offerings

SOCIAL STUDIES = 2 Units

Units	Courses
1 Unit from the following:	U.S. History, AP U.S. History, or IB U.S. History
½ Unit from the following:	Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP U.S. Government and Politics: United States
½ Unit from the following:	Economics, AP Macroeconomics, or AP Microeconomics
(one unit of Civics may be substituted for the two ½ Units above)	

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH = 2 Units

Units	Courses
1 Unit	Physical Education
½ Unit from the following:	PE II, Marching Band, Extracurricular Sports, Cheering, or Dance Team
½ Unit from the following:	Health Education

JUMP START COURSE SEQUENCES, WORKPLACE EXPERIENCES, AND CREDENTIALS = at least 9 Units

Complete a regionally designed series of CTE Jump Start coursework and workplace-based learning experiences, leading to a statewide or regional Jump Start credential. This shall include courses and workplace experiences specific to the credential, courses related to foundational career skills requirement in Jump Start, and other courses, including career electives, that the Jump Start regional team determines are appropriate for the pathway.

REQUIRED CREDENTIALS

Students must attain an approved statewide or regional credential in order to graduate.

REQUIRED TESTING

When students take a course corresponding with an End of Course test, students are required to take the test. Students remain required to score at least a “fair” on three of six courses.

Students also must take the EPAS tests: Explore, Plan, and ACT. Jump Start teams may elect to have students pursuing the Career Diploma take the WorkKeys test in addition to the ACT. The Department of Education will establish a policy creating score level equivalents between the ACT and WorkKeys. A student’s highest equivalent score, resulting of the student’s score on either the ACT or WorkKeys, would generate ACT index accountability points.