

STATE REGENTS' 15-UNIT HIGH SCHOOL CORE CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

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SUBJECT	UNITS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
English	4	English/ Language Arts (I, II, III, IV), American Literature, Classical Literature, English Literature, Introduction to Literature, Shakespeare, World Literature, AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature & Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English courses should include an integrated writing component, demonstrate critical thinking skills, and fit into one of the categories of grammar, composition, or literature. ✓ Journalism, speech, reading, and English-as-a-Second-Language courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement.
Laboratory Science	3	Biology, Chemistry, Physics or any lab science certified by the school district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ General Science courses with or without a lab may not be used to fulfill this requirement. ✓ All science courses must include a laboratory component and be taught at or above the rigor of Biology I.
Mathematics	3	Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Math Analysis, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus (<i>must have completed Geometry and Algebra II</i>), Calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All mathematics courses must be taught at or above the rigor of Algebra I. ✓ Statistics/ Probability, Computer Science, Intermediate Algebra, and Mathematics of Finance may not meet this requirement.
History and Citizenship Skills	3	Including 1 unit of American history and 2 units from the subjects of history, government, geography, economics, and/ or non-Western culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Anthropology, psychology, sociology, Aerospace Science, American Documents, Contemporary Social Issues, Introduction to Law, Military History, 20th-Century Legal Issues, are examples of courses which may not be used to fulfill this requirement. ✓ One half-unit (one semester) combinations OR one full unit of any of the prescribed subjects may be used to fulfill this requirement. ✓ Courses about non-Western culture should teach students about cultures and traditions other than their own.
Other	2	From any of the subjects above or computer science or foreign language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A computer science course used to fulfill this requirement should include programming and convey an understanding of computer hardware. Courses that teach business computer applications will also be accepted. These courses will typically include more than one type of application, for example, word processing, databases, spreadsheets, and graphics programs. ✓ Keyboarding and other courses designed to teach typing skills may not be used to fulfill this requirement. ✓ For a complete list of acceptable Computer Science/ Technology courses, see the Regents for Higher Education Web site address provided below.
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- ✓ Four additional units are **recommended** for college preparation: 1 unit of lab science, 1 unit of mathematics, and 2 units of speech or fine arts (music, art, or drama).
- ✓ For a list of the acceptable courses in all subject areas, go to <www.okhighered.org>, click on Student Center, click on Jr. High/High School Students, and then click on Courses to Take.