

# Graduation Policies for the Class of 2007

	DEFINING READINESS					HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION CREDENTIALS			
	State has defined college readiness	How college readiness is defined	State has defined work readiness	How work readiness is defined	K-12 work-readiness definition is different from college readiness	Total number of credits required to earn standard diploma	Standard diploma options	Advanced recognition for exceeding standard requirements	
ALABAMA			✓	skills	✓	24.0	standard, CTE	✓	
ALASKA			✓	standards	✓	21.0	standard		
ARIZONA			✓	standards	✓	20.0	standard	✓	
ARKANSAS	✓	courses, standards, tests	in progress			21.0	standard		
CALIFORNIA	✓	courses	✓	standards	✓	13.0	standard	✓	
COLORADO							standard		
CONNECTICUT	in progress		✓	skills	✓	20.0	standard		
DELAWARE						22.0	standard	✓	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	in progress		✓	skills	✓	23.5	standard		
FLORIDA						24.0	standard	✓	
GEORGIA	in progress		✓	skills, standards	✓	22.0	college prep, CTE	✓	
HAWAII	in progress					22.0	standard	✓	
IDAHO						21.0	standard		
ILLINOIS						16.0	standard		
INDIANA	✓	courses, standards, tests	✓	courses, standards, tests		20.0	standard	✓	
IOWA							standard		
KANSAS						21.0	standard		
KENTUCKY	✓	courses, skills, standards, tests				22.0	standard	✓	
LOUISIANA	in progress		in progress			23.0	standard	✓	
MAINE						16.0	standard		
MARYLAND	in progress		✓	skills, standards	✓	21.0	standard	✓	
MASSACHUSETTS	in progress		✓	standards	✓		standard		
MICHIGAN	✓	courses, standards	✓	skills, standards	✓		standard		
MINNESOTA	in progress		in progress				standard		
MISSISSIPPI						20.0	standard		
MISSOURI			in progress			22.0	standard	✓	
MONTANA			✓	standards	✓	20.0	standard		
NEBRASKA						200 credit hours <sup>1</sup>	standard		
NEVADA						22.5	standard, CTE	✓	
NEW HAMPSHIRE			✓	standards	✓	19.75	standard	✓	
NEW JERSEY	✓	courses, standards	✓	standards	✓	22.0	standard		
NEW MEXICO						23.0	standard		
NEW YORK	✓	courses, standards, tests	✓	courses, standards, tests		22.0	standard	✓	
NORTH CAROLINA	in progress		in progress			20.0	standard	✓	
NORTH DAKOTA			✓	standards	✓	21.0	standard		
OHIO						20.0	standard	✓	
OKLAHOMA	✓	courses	in progress			23.0	standard	✓	
OREGON			✓	standards	✓	22.0	standard	✓	
PENNSYLVANIA	in progress		in progress				standard	✓	
RHODE ISLAND	in progress		in progress			16.0	standard		
SOUTH CAROLINA	✓	courses, skills, standards	in progress			24.0	standard		
SOUTH DAKOTA						22.0	standard	✓	
TENNESSEE	✓	courses, skills	✓	skills, standards	✓	20.0	standard		
TEXAS	in progress		in progress			22.0	standard	✓	
UTAH						15.0	standard		
VERMONT						20.0	standard		
VIRGINIA	in progress		✓	skills, standards	✓	22.0	standard	✓	
WASHINGTON	in progress		✓	skills, standards	✓	19.0	standard		
WEST VIRGINIA	✓	courses, skills, tests	✓	courses, skills, tests	✓	24.0	standard		
WISCONSIN						13.0	standard		
WYOMING						13.0	standard	✓	
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Focus for advanced recognition	Basis for advanced recognition	Alternative credential for not meeting all standard requirements	Basis for alternative credential	K-12 system offers pathway leading to industry-recognized certificate or license
academic, CTE	courses	✓	disabilities	✓
		✓	fail exit exam	✓
academic	tests			✓
				✓
academic	tests	✓	pass proficiency test	✓
academic	tests	✓	disabilities	
		✓	disabilities	✓
academic, CTE	courses, GPA, tests	✓	disabilities, fail exit exam	✓
academic, CTE	courses, GPA	✓	disabilities, fail exit exam	✓
academic	courses, GPA	✓	disabilities	✓
				✓
academic	courses, GPA			✓
				✓
academic, CTE	courses, tests	✓	disabilities	✓
academic, CTE	courses, GPA, tests	✓	disabilities, fail exit exam	✓
				✓
local option	local option	✓	disabilities	✓
		✓	local option	✓
		✓	local option	✓
		✓	disabilities	
academic	courses, GPA, tests			✓
academic	courses, GPA	✓	disabilities, fail exit exam	✓
local option	local option	✓	local option	✓
		✓	fail exit exam	✓
academic, CTE	tests	✓	disabilities	✓
academic	courses, GPA	✓	disabilities, fail exit exam	✓
				✓
academic, CTE	courses, GPA, tests			✓
academic	GPA, tests			✓
local option	local option	✓	local option	
academic	tests			✓
		✓	disabilities	✓
		✓	fail exit exam	✓
academic	courses, GPA		disabilities, fail exit exam	✓
		✓	disabilities, fail exit exam	✓
academic	courses, tests	✓	local option	✓
		✓	district criteria	✓
				✓
academic, CTE	courses, GPA, tests	✓	disabilities	✓
				✓
		✓	disabilities	✓
				✓
academic	tests	✓	local option	
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SOURCE: For information on indicator definitions and sources, see Page 43.

NOTES: A dash (—) in U.S. row indicates that a total was not appropriate.

Exit-exam subjects tested: E= English (includes writing), M= Mathematics, S= Science, H= History/Social Studies, and T= Technology

HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMS					
State has exit exam	Subjects tested	Exam based on standards for 10th grade or higher	State finances remediation for students failing exit exams	Appeals or alternative route to diploma	
✓	EMSH	✓	✓		ALABAMA
✓	EM	✓		✓	ALASKA
✓	EM	✓	✓	✓	ARIZONA
					ARKANSAS
✓	EM	✓	✓	✓	CALIFORNIA
					COLORADO
					CONNECTICUT
					DELAWARE
					DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
✓	EM	✓	✓	✓	FLORIDA
✓	EMSH	✓		✓	GEORGIA
					HAWAII
✓	EM	✓		✓	IDAHO
					ILLINOIS
✓	EM		✓	✓	INDIANA
					IOWA
					KANSAS
					KENTUCKY
✓	EMSH	✓	✓	✓	LOUISIANA
					MAINE
Class of 2009					MARYLAND
✓	EM	✓	✓	✓	MASSACHUSETTS
					MICHIGAN
✓	EM		✓		MINNESOTA
✓	EMSH	✓		✓	MISSISSIPPI
					MISSOURI
					MONTANA
					NEBRASKA
✓	EM	✓			NEVADA
					NEW HAMPSHIRE
✓	EM	✓		✓	NEW JERSEY
✓	EMSH			✓	NEW MEXICO
✓	EMSH	✓		✓	NEW YORK
✓	EMT		✓	✓	NORTH CAROLINA
					NORTH DAKOTA
✓	EMSH	✓		✓	OHIO
Class of 2012					OKLAHOMA
					OREGON
					PENNSYLVANIA
					RHODE ISLAND
✓	EM	✓	✓		SOUTH CAROLINA
					SOUTH DAKOTA
✓	EMS	✓			TENNESSEE
✓	EMSH	✓	✓		TEXAS
					UTAH
					VERMONT
✓	EMSH	✓	✓	✓	VIRGINIA
Class of 2008					WASHINGTON
					WEST VIRGINIA
					WISCONSIN
					WYOMING
22	—	18	12	16	U.S.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Credit hours for Nebraska are not expressed in Carnegie units.
2. Subject-specific credits for states that do not have total course-credit requirements are not listed in the total credits column and are not reflected in the national average for total credit requirements.