

What New Mexico Students Must Take and Pass in Order to Graduate

Freshman 2008–2009 Graduating Class of 2012	Freshman 2009–2010 Graduating Class of 2013	Freshman 2010–2011 Graduating Class of 2014	F-2011–2012 & 2012–2013 G-Classes of 2015 & 2016	Freshman 2013–2014 Graduating Class of 2017
<p>23 units to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 units English • 3 units math (one unit = or > than algebra 1) • 3 units science (1 w/lab) • 3 units social science, including United States history and geography, world history and geography, and government and economics • .5 unit New Mexico history • 1 unit physical education • 1 unit communication skills or business education or language other than English • 7.5 units electives <p>For NM Diploma, must meet threshold for high school exit on 11th grade SBA or demonstrate competence through portfolio of standards-based indicators</p> <p><i>SB 360 (2010) suspends the requirement for students to pass a high school exit exam for graduation in 2012.</i></p>	<p>24 units to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 units English • 4 units math (one unit = or > than algebra 2) • 3 units science (2 w/lab) • 3.5 units social science, including United States history and geography, world history and geography, and government and economics, and .5 unit New Mexico history • 1 unit physical education • 1 unit career cluster, workplace readiness or language other than English • 7.5 units electives <p><i>One of the above units must be honors, Advanced Placement, dual credit, or distance learning.</i></p> <p>To graduate, a student must meet the cut score for high school graduation assessment on 11th grade SBA or use a portfolio alternate demonstration of competency.</p>	<p>24 units to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 units English • 4 units math (one unit = or > than algebra 2) • 3 units science (2 w/lab) • 3.5 units social science, including United States history and geography, world history and geography, and government and economics, and .5 unit New Mexico history • 1 unit physical education • 1 unit career cluster, workplace readiness or language other than English • 7.5 units electives <p><i>One of the above units must be honors, Advanced Placement, dual credit, or distance learning.</i></p> <p>To graduate, a student must meet the cut score for high school graduation assessment on 11th grade SBA or use a portfolio alternate demonstration of competency.</p>	<p>24 units to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 units English • 4 units math (one unit = or > than algebra 2) • 3 units science (2 w/lab) • 3.5 units social science, including United States history and geography, world history and geography and government and economics, and .5 unit New Mexico history • 1 unit physical education • 1 unit career cluster, workplace readiness or language other than English • 7.5 units electives <p><i>One of the above units must be honors, Advanced Placement, dual credit, or distance learning.</i></p> <p>To graduate, a student must meet the cut score for high school graduation assessment on 11th grade SBA or use a portfolio alternate demonstration of competency.</p>	<p>24.5 or 25 units to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 units English • 4 units math (one unit = or > than algebra 2) • 3 units science (2 w/lab) • 3.5 units social science, including United States history and geography, world history and geography and government and economics, and .5 unit New Mexico history • 1 unit physical education • 1 unit career cluster, workplace readiness, or language other than English • .5 or 1 unit of health education* (may be taken in middle school) • 7.5 units electives <p><i>One of the above units must be honors, Advanced Placement, dual credit, or distance learning.</i></p> <p>To graduate, a student must meet the cut score for high school graduation assessment on 11th grade SBA or use a portfolio alternate demonstration of competency. * Note for future classes: For students entering the eighth grade in the 2012–13 school year, a course in health education is required.</p>

What Districts and State Charter Schools in New Mexico Must/May Offer

Classes required for districts to offer (each year) as elective classes	Other offerings required for districts to offer	Classes that may be offered as elective classes	Class that may be offered as a Mathematics requirement	Health Education is required prior to graduation for students entering the 8th grade in the 2012-2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver Education* • Financial Literacy as an elective* • Student Service Learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one Honors or similar academically rigorous class each in Mathematics and Language Arts** • A program of courses for Dual Credit, in cooperation with an institution of higher education • A program of distance learning courses* • At least 2 years of a language other than English* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Apprenticeship Programs • Media Literacy* (STARS 0805) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Literacy as a high school mathematics requirement (STARS 2097) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financial Literacy may also be taken as a social studies class (STARS 2797) ○ Financial Literacy may also be taken as a Family and Consumer Science class (STARS 0517) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Education may be required in either middle school or high school, as determined by the school district. • Each school district shall submit to the department by the beginning of the 2011–2012 school year a Health Education implementation plan for the 2012–2013 and subsequent school years; and, include in which grade Health Education will be required and how the course aligns with department content and performance standards.

*Districts may offer these courses through IDEAL-NM.

**Districts may offer AP Calculus and Honors English 2 through IDEAL-NM.