



Mullins High School Counseling Department  
High School Graduation Requirements



<b>SC HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>Carnegie Units</b>
English/ Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science ( <b>1 Unit must be Biology 1</b> )	3
U.S. History and Constitution	1
Economics	1/2
U.S. Government	1/2
Other Social Studies	1
PE or Jr. ROTC	1
Computer Science	1
Foreign Language or Career and Technology Education	1
Electives	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

Students in grades 9 thru 12 will be assigned to a grade level based upon the number and type of Carnegie Units earned. Promotion decisions will be based on the following:

**Grade 9 to 10:** The student will be eligible for promotion from grade nine to grade 10 if he/she successfully completes six Carnegie units, one of which must be in English and one in mathematics.

**Grade 10 to 11:** The student will be eligible for promotion from grade 10 to grade 11 if he/she successfully completes 12 Carnegie units of which a cumulative minimum of two Carnegie units will be in mathematics and two Carnegie units will be in English.

**Grade 11 to 12:** The student will be eligible for promotion from grade 11 to grade 12 if he/she successfully completes 16 Carnegie units that meet state requirements for graduation of which a cumulative minimum of three Carnegie units will be in mathematics, three Carnegie units will be in English and two Carnegie units will be in science or the student will be enrolled in the coursework that will allow him/her to complete the 24 units needed for the South Carolina High School Diploma. If all other criteria for graduation have been met and the student has not scored at or above the mastery level of the state exit exam, the student will not be awarded a state high school diploma.

## **4 – Year College Requirements**

**FOUR UNITS OF ENGLISH:** All four units must have strong reading, writing, communicating, and researching components.

**FOUR UNITS OF MATHEMATICS:** These units must include Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. A fourth higher-level mathematics unit should be taken before or during the senior year.

**THREE UNITS OF LABORATORY SCIENCE:** Two units must be taken in two different fields of the physical, earth, or life sciences and selected from among biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science. The third unit may be from the same field as one of the first two units (biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science) or from any laboratory science for which biology, chemistry, physics and/or earth science is a prerequisite. Courses in general or introductory science for which one of these four units is not a prerequisite will not meet this requirement.

**TWO UNITS OF THE SAME WORLD LANGUAGE:** Two units with a heavy emphasis on language acquisition.

**THREE UNITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES:** One unit of U.S. History, a half unit of Economics, and a half unit of Government are required. World History or Geography is strongly recommended.

**ONE UNIT OF FINE ARTS:** One unit in appreciation of, history of, or performance in one of the fine arts. This unit should be selected from among media/digital arts, dance, music, theater, or visual and spatial arts.

**ONE UNIT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION OR JROTC:** One unit of physical education to include one semester of personal fitness and another semester in lifetime fitness. Exemption applies to students enrolled in Junior ROTC and for students exempted because of physical disability or for religious reasons.

**TWO UNITS OF ELECTIVES:** Two units must be taken as electives. A college preparatory course in Computer Science (i.e., one involving significant programming content, not simply keyboarding or using applications) is strongly recommended for this elective. Other acceptable electives include college preparatory courses in English; fine arts; world languages; social studies; humanities; mathematics; physical education; and laboratory science (courses for which biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science is a prerequisite).