GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to have an Academic Plan. An Academic Plan identifies the specific coursework a student needs to take to reach his/her academic and career goals. It is based on each student's skills and interests. The Academic Plan must document a minimum of 22 units of credits. Please visit www.sdmylife.com.

It is the students' responsibility to know if all requirements for graduation, college entrance, athletic eligibility, and scholarships are being met. Please refer to all colleges/universities for their admission requirements as they may vary. Students must register each year for courses required to meet high school graduation and to meet students' post high school career and study goals. Counselors, teachers, and administration are available to help students in their decisions.

Graduation / Admissions / Eligibility Requirements

Rapid City Area Schools High School Graduation Requirements 22 Credits Required (Class of 2021 and beyond)	Rapid City Area Schools High School Graduation Requirements 22 Credits Required (Classes of 2019, 2020)	South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship	Regents' Scholar Diploma Program
English/Reading and Communication Arts (**4** credit total) English 9 – 1 credit; English 10 – 1 credit which includes Speech; English 11 – 1 credit which includes American Literature; Grade 12 Literature – .5 credit and Writing – .5 credit	**English/Reading and Communication Arts** (**4** credit total) English 9 – 1 credit; English 10 – 1 credit which includes Speech; English 11 – 1 credit which includes American Literature; Grade 12 Literature – .5 credit and Writing – .5 credit	**4**	**4**
Mathematics (**3** credits total) Integrated Math 1 – 1 credit; Integrated Math 2 – 1 credit; Integrated Math 3*** – 1 credit	**Mathematics** (**3** credits total) Integrated Math 1 – 1 credit; Integrated Math 2 – 1 credit; Integrated Math 3*** – 1 credit	**4** (Algebra 1 or higher)	**4** (Algebra 1 or higher)
Science (**3** credits total of Lab Science) Any Physical Science– 1 credit; Biology 1 & 2 – 1 credit; Chemistry or Physics** – 1 credit	**Science** (**3** credits total of Lab Science) Any Physical Science– 1 credit; Biology 1 & 2 – 1 credit; Chemistry or Physics** – 1 credit	**4** (3 must be lab sciences)	**4** (3 must be lab sciences)
Social Studies (**3** credits total) World Geography - .5 credit; World History - .5 credit; U.S. History 1, 2, 3 – 1.5 credit; U.S. Government - .5 credit	**Social Studies** (**3** credits total) Civics or Social Studies elective - .5 credit*; World Geography - .5 credit; World History - .5 credit; U.S. History 1 or 2 or 3 – 1 credit; U.S. Government - .5 credit	**3**	**3**

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Information Technology – (**1** credit)	**Information Technology** – (**1** credit)		
Fine Arts – (**1** credit)	**Fine Arts** – (**1** credit)	**1**	**1**
Physical Education; which includes Health – (**1** credit)	**Physical Education**; which includes Health – (**1** credit)	**1**	
Economics or Personal Finance - (**.5** credit)	**Economics or Personal Finance** - (**.5** credit)	**.5** (1/2) credit	
Required offerings: Student must select **1** credit: World Language; or Capstone Experience or Service Learning; or Approved Career and Technical Education courses#	**Required offerings**: Student must select **1** credit: World Language; or Capstone Experience or Service Learning; or Approved Career and Technical Education courses#	2 units of either of the following or a combination of the two— Approved career and technical education courses Modern or Classical Language (includes American Sign Language)	World Language – **2** credits of the same Modern or Classical Language (includes American Sign Language)
Electives – (**4.5** credits)	**Electives** – (**4.5** credits)		
GPA Passing	**GPA** Passing	**3.0** no final grade below C in courses required for SD Opportunity	**3.0** no final grade below C in courses required for Regents
ACT (American College Test)##	**ACT (American College Test)##**	**24** composite or greater	
SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)##	**SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)##**	**1090** combined score or greater	
Please see your school counselor with any questions or concerns.			

*Students who haven't obtained a Civics credit may substitute another Social Studies 0.5 credit to meet the required 3 credits of Social Studies.

**With administrative approval and parent/guardian approval, a student may waive Chemistry or Physics in favor of a more appropriate course. A student is still required to take three (3) credits of lab Science. If you choose to waive Chemistry or Physics you may not meet college entrance requirements.

***With administrative approval and parent/guardian approval, a student may waive Integrated Math 3 in favor of a more appropriate course. A student is still required to take three (3) credits of Math. If you choose to waive Integrated Math 3 you may not meet college entrance requirements.

#See Approved Career and Technical Education courses on the next page

##College entrance exams – students need to take one or the other.

***Approved Career and Technical Education courses

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	Information Technology, Arts, and Audio-Video	Family and Consumer Science
Natural Resources / Lab Recreational Resources Management / Lab Wildlife and Fisheries / Lab Companion Animal Science / Lab Advanced Animal Science / Lab - Pending	Exploring Computer Science Media Production* Computer Applications Advanced Computer Applications* Graphics Design I Graphic Design II Web Development* Advanced Photography	Culinary Arts Child Development - Human Development: Prenatal to Toddlers Child Development – Human Development: Preschool to School-age Independent Living – Human Development: Adolescence through Adulthood Fashion Design Nutrition and Wellness
Business Management and Administration	**Health Science**	**STEM**
Entrepreneurship Introduction to Business Marketing Principles Personal Finance	Principles of Biomedical Sciences Human Body Systems	Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) Design and Drafting Introduction to Engineering Introduction to Technology Education Introduction to Manufacturing
Architecture and Construction	**Western Dakota Technical**	
Job Shadow & Youth Internship Geometry in Construction	See pages at the end of this course listing book	
*Also included in the Business Management and Administration cluster		
This list is subject to change due to the on-going approval process with the South Dakota Department of Education. Please see your school counselor with any questions.		