

South Carolina Academic Honors Award

Requirements for a student to receive a South Carolina Academic Honors Award:

- complete twenty-four units of credit as prescribed;
 - ~~meet the standard on all subtests of the Exit Examination;~~ Act 155 passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Nikki R. Haley on April 14, 2014, states in part "Beginning with the graduating class of 2015, students are no longer required to meet the exit examination requirements set forth in in this section and State Regulation to earn a South Carolina high school diploma."
 - receive a minimum grade of "B" for each semester course in grades 9–12 through the seventh semester; and
 - achieve either a score of 710 or higher on the SAT verbal, a score of 690 or higher on the SAT mathematics, a score of 30 or higher on the ACT English, or a score of 33 or higher on the ACT mathematics;
- OR -
- each student shall have completed twenty-four units of high school credit;
 - be eligible for graduation with a state high school diploma; and
 - have a combined score of 1400 on the SAT verbal and math sections, or an ACT composite score of 31.

Of the twenty-four units earned, **eighteen units** must be **college preparatory coursework**, four units in additional electives, and two units in one or more of the following: English, science, social studies, or mathematics.

College preparatory coursework includes the following:

- English (English I or above), four units;
- mathematics (Algebra I or above), four units;
- laboratory science, three units;
- social studies (United States/South Carolina studies, economics/ government and one unit of global studies/world history, global studies/ world geography or western civilization), three units;
- computer science, one unit;
- physical education, one unit; and
- foreign language, two units.