



## DIPLOMA PATHWAYS SEALS OF DISTINCTION OVERVIEW

Students shall meet all requirements for earning a South Carolina high school diploma to be eligible to earn any Seal of Distinction.

One or more Seals may be earned, but are not required for graduation.

Consult District or School Curriculum Guides for more information regarding curriculum choices and requirements.

Honors Seal of Distinction	College Ready Seal of Distinction	Career Ready Seal of Distinction	Arts Specialization Seal of Distinction
<b>UGP GPA 3.5 or higher</b>	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b> or <b>ACT 20 or higher</b> or <b>SAT 1020 or higher</b> <b>Tests may be superscored</b>	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>English</b> - 4 credits 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Math</b> - Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, and a 4th higher level math requiring Algebra 2 as a prerequisite 3 at honors or higher level</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lab Science</b> - 3 credits 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Social Studies</b> - 3 credits 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>World Languages</b> - 2 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade in 2018–2019 3 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade in 2019–2020 and beyond</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advanced Coursework</b> - 4 additional credits of honors or higher completed during the Junior/Senior years (the last 2 years prior to graduation)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>English</b> - 4 credits</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Math</b> - Algebra 1 (or the equivalent of Algebra 1), Algebra 2, Geometry, and another higher level math</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lab Science</b> - 3 credits</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Social Studies</b> - 3 credits</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>World Language</b> - 2 credits in the same language</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fine Arts</b> - 1 credit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Career and Technical Education (CTE) Completer with an industry recognized credential <b>OR</b> Silver or higher on Career Readiness Exam <b>OR</b> Completion of Career Ready Work-Based Learning (WBL) placement</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4 credits in a single or multiple arts areas, 2 at the honors or higher level* <b>AND</b> Mastery on externally evaluated exam or performance task</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*If honors credit is not available for arts courses, student must complete four courses in a single art area</p>
		<b>STEM Specialization Seal of Distinction</b>	<b>World Language Specialization Seal of Distinction</b>
		<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>
		<p style="text-align: center;">4 credits beyond required graduation courses in math, science, technology, and engineering; at least 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Courses may be in 1 area of STEM or across all 4 areas</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4 credits in the same language <b>OR</b> a nationally normed proficiency-based language assessment score of “Intermediate Low” <b>OR</b> AP exam score of 3 or higher <b>OR</b> IB exam score of 4 or higher <b>OR</b> Cambridge AICE Language exam score of E or better before the senior year</p>
	<b>Military Specialization Seal of Distinction</b>		
	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>		
	4 credits in JROTC and an ASVAB score of 31 or higher		