DIPLOMA PATHWAYS SEALS OF DISTINCTION TEMPLATE

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

Honors
Seal of Distinction

UGP GPA 3.5 or higher

English - 4 credits
2 at honors or higher level

Math - Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, and a 4th higher level math requiring Algebra 2 as a prerequisite
3 at honors or higher level

Lab Science - 3 credits
2 at honors or higher level

Social Studies - 3 credits
2 at honors or higher level

World Languages -
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

Advanced Coursework -
4 additional credits of honors or higher completed during the Junior/Senior years
(the last 2 years prior to graduation)

College Ready
Seal of Distinction

UGP GPA 3.0 or higher
or
ACT 20 or higher
or
SAT 1020 or higher
Tests may be superscored

English - 4 credits

Math - Algebra 1 (or the equivalent of Algebra 1), Algebra 2, Geometry, and another higher level math

Lab Science - 3 credits

Social Studies - 3 credits

World Language - 2 credits in the same language

Fine Arts - 1 credit

Military Specialization
Seal of Distinction

UGP GPA 3.0 or higher

4 credits in JROTC and an ASVAB score of 31 or higher

Career Ready
Seal of Distinction

UGP GPA 3.0 or higher

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Completer with an industry recognized credential
OR
Silver or higher certificate on ACT WorkKeys or Level 3 Credential or higher on WIN SC Career Ready Test
OR
Completion of Career Ready Work-Based Learning (WBL) placement

STEM Specialization
Seal of Distinction

UGP GPA 3.0 or higher

4 credits beyond required graduation courses in math, science, technology, and engineering;
at least 2 at honors or higher level

Courses may be in 1 area of STEM or across all 4 areas

Arts Specialization
Seal of Distinction

UGP GPA 3.0 or higher

4 credits in a single or multiple arts areas, 2 at the honors or higher level*
AND
Mastery on externally evaluated exam or performance task

*If honors credit is not available for arts courses, student must complete four courses in a single art area

World Language Specialization
Seal of Distinction

UGP GPA 3.0 or higher

4 credits in the same language
OR
a nationally normed proficiency-based language assessment score of "Intermediate Low" **OR**
AP exam score of 3 or higher **OR**
IB exam score of 4 or higher **OR**
Cambridge AICE Language exam score of E or better
before the senior year