

**Sturgis Brown High School  
Graduation Requirements**

PURPOSED – February 11, 2019

| PURPOSED  | CURRENT   | PURPOSED   |
|---|---|--|
| <b>South Dakota<br/>Diploma Requirements</b>                                  | <b>Sturgis Brown High School<br/>Diploma Requirements</b>   | <b>Sturgis Brown High School<br/>Diploma Requirements</b>  |
| <b>English = 4</b>  | <b>English = 4</b>  | <b>English = 4</b>   |
| 1 = Writing<br>.5 = Speech<br>1 = Literature (.5 must be American Literature) | 1 = English 9<br>.5 = English 10 – Lit.<br>.5 = English 10 – Speech or Debate<br>1 = English 11<br>.5 = English 12 – Research<br>.5 = English 12 – Lit. | 1 = English 9<br>.5 = English 10 – Lit. or <b>Novels</b><br>.5 = English 10 – Speech or Debate<br>1 = English 11<br>.5 = English 12 – Research<br>.5 = English 12 – Lit. |
| <b>Mathematics = 3</b>  | <b>Mathematics = 3</b>  | <b>Mathematics = 3</b>   |
| 1 = Algebra 1   | 1 = Algebra 1<br>1 = Geometry<br><b>1 = Algebra II</b>  | 1 = Algebra 1<br>1 = Geometry<br><b>1 Math Elective</b>  |
| <b>Science = 3</b>  | <b>Science = 3</b>  | <b>Science = 3</b>   |
| 1 = Biology   | 1 = Physical Science<br>1 = Biology<br><b>1 = Chemistry or College Chemistry</b>  | 1 = Physical Science<br>1 = Biology<br><b>1 Lab Science Elective</b>   |
| <b>Social Studies = 3</b>   | <b>Social Studies = 3</b>   | <b>Social Studies = 3</b>  |
| 1 = US History<br>.5 = US Government  | <b>.5 = World Geography</b><br><b>.5 = World History</b><br>1 = US History<br>1 = Government  | 1 = US History<br>1 = Government<br><b>1 Social Studies Elective</b>   |
| <b>Fine Arts = 1</b>  | <b>Fine Arts = 1</b>  | <b>Fine Arts = 1</b>   |
| <b>Physical Education = .5</b>  | <b>Physical Education = .5</b>  | <b>Physical Education = .5</b>   |
| <b>Health = .5</b>  | <b>Health = .5</b>  | <b>Health = .5</b>   |
| <b>Personal Finance or<br/>Economics = .5</b>                                 | <b>Personal Finance = .5</b>  | <b>Personal Finance = .5</b>   |
|   | <b>Career Planning = .5</b>   | <b>Career Planning = .5</b>  |
| <b>CTE or World Language or<br/>Capstone = 1</b>                              | <b>CTE or World Language = 1</b>  | <b>CTE or World Language = 1</b>   |
| <b>Electives = 5.5</b>  | <b>Electives = 7</b>  | <b>Electives = 7</b>   |
| <b>Total = 22</b>   | <b>Total = 24</b>   | <b>Total = 24</b>  |

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| Sturgis Brown High School Diploma Requirements  | Advanced Endorsement  | Advanced Career Endorsement   | Advanced Honors Endorsement (All Grades must be C or higher)  |
|---|---|---|---|
| <b>English = 4</b>  | <b>English = 4</b>  | <b>English = 4</b>  | <b>English = 4</b>  |
| 1 = English 9<br>.5 = English 10 – Lit. or Novels<br>.5 = English 10 – Speech or Debate<br>1 = English 11<br>.5 = English 12 – Research<br>.5 = English 12 – Lit. | 1 = English 9<br>.5 = English 10 – Lit. or Novels<br>.5 = English 10 – Speech or Debate<br>1 = English 11<br>.5 = English 12 – Research<br>.5 = English 12 – Lit. | 1 = English 9<br>.5 = English 10 – Lit. or Novels<br>.5 = English 10 – Speech or Debate<br>1 = English 11<br>.5 = English 12 – Research<br>.5 = English 12 – Lit. | 1 = English 9<br>.5 = English 10 – Lit. or Novels<br>.5 = English 10 – Speech or Debate<br>1 = English 11<br>.5 = English 12 – Research<br>.5 = English 12 – Lit. |
| <b>Mathematics = 3</b>  | <b>Mathematics = 3</b>  | <b>Mathematics = 3</b>  | <b>Mathematics = 4</b>  |
| 1 = Algebra I<br>1 = Geometry<br>1 Math Elective  | 1 = Algebra I<br>1 = Geometry<br>1 = Algebra II   | 1 = Algebra I<br>1 = Geometry<br>1 Math Elective  | 1 = Algebra I<br>1 = Geometry<br>1 = Algebra II<br>1 Advanced Math  |
| <b>Science = 3</b>  | <b>Science = 3</b>  | <b>Science = 3</b>  | <b>Science = 4</b>  |
| 1 = Physical Science<br>1 = Biology<br>1 Lab Science Elective   | 1 = Physical Science<br>1 = Biology<br>1 Lab Science Elective   | 1 = Physical Science<br>1 = Biology<br>1 Lab Science Elective   | 1 = Physical Science<br>1 = Biology<br>1 = Chemistry or Physics<br>1 Science Elective   |
| <b>Social Studies = 3</b>   | <b>Social Studies = 3</b>   | <b>Social Studies = 3</b>   | <b>Social Studies = 3</b>   |
| 1 = US History<br>1 = Government<br>1 Social Studies Elective   | 1 = US History<br>1 = Government<br>1 Social Studies Elective   | 1 = US History<br>1 = Government<br>1 Social Studies Elective   | 1 = US History<br>1 = Government<br>.5 = World Geography<br>.5 = World History  |
| <b>Fine Arts = 1</b>  | <b>Fine Arts = 1</b>  | <b>Fine Arts = 1</b>  | <b>Fine Arts = 1</b>  |
| <b>Physical Education = .5</b>  | <b>Physical Education = .5</b>  | <b>Physical Education = .5</b>  | <b>Physical Education = .5</b>  |
| <b>Health = .5</b>  | <b>Health = .5</b>  | <b>Health = .5</b>  | <b>Health = .5</b>  |
| <b>Personal Finance = .5</b>  | <b>Personal Finance = .5</b>  | <b>Personal Finance = .5</b>  | <b>Personal Finance = .5</b>  |
| <b>Career Planning = .5</b>   | <b>Career Planning = .5</b>   | <b>Career Planning = .5</b>   | <b>Career Planning = .5</b>   |
| <b>CTE or World Language = 1</b>  | <b>CTE or World Language = 1</b>  | <b>CTE or World Language = 2</b>  | <b>CTE or World Language = 2</b>  |
|   |   | 2 Units from the same CTE Cluster and Attainment of Silver or Higher on NCRC  | 2 Units from the same CTE Cluster OR<br>2 Units from World Lang.  |
| <b>Electives = 7</b>  | <b>Electives = 7</b>  | <b>Electives = 6</b>  | <b>Electives = 4</b>  |
| <b>Total = 24</b>   | <b>Total = 24</b>   | <b>Total = 24</b>   | <b>Total = 24</b>   |

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South Dakota High School Diploma Requirements

| Subject  | PROPOSED  |                      | CURRENT  |                      |
|--|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|
|  | Within Units Required, Must Include:  | Total Units Required | Within Units Required, Must Include:   | Total Units Required |
| <b>English</b>   | 1 unit Writing<br>.5 unit Speech<br>1 unit Literature (including .5 unit American Literature) | 4                    | 1.5 units Writing<br>.5 unit Speech<br>1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature)<br>.5 unit Language Arts elective | 4                    |
| <b>Mathematics</b>   | 1 unit Algebra I  | 3                    | 1 unit Algebra<br>1 unit Geometry~<br>1 unit Algebra II~   | 3                    |
| <b>Science*</b>  | 1 unit Biology  | 3                    | 1 unit Any Physical Science<br>1 unit Biology<br>1 unit Chemistry or Physics~  | 3                    |
| <b>Social Studies</b>  | 1 unit U.S. History<br>.5 unit U.S. Government  | 3                    | 1 unit U.S. History<br>.5 unit U.S. Government<br>.5 unit World History<br>.5 unit Geography   | 3                    |
| <b>Fine Arts</b>   |   | 1                    |  | 1                    |
| <b>Physical Education</b>  |   | .5                   |  | .5                   |
| <b>Health/Health Integration</b>   |   | .5                   |  | .5                   |
| <b>Personal Finance or Economics</b>                                     |   | .5                   |  | .5                   |
| <b>Approved CTE –OR–<br/>World Language –OR–<br/>Capstone Experience</b> |   | 1                    |  | 1                    |
| <b>Electives</b>   |   | 5.5                  |  | 5.5                  |
| <b>Total</b>   |   | <b>22</b>            |  | <b>22</b>            |

A student may earn one or more advanced endorsements that are in alignment with the student's personal learning plan. See *Advanced Endorsements* section.

**NOTES for PROPOSED requirements:**

- \* A state-approved advanced computer science course (with a list of approved courses provided) may be substituted for 1 unit of science (not including Biology).
- Credit for an approved CTE course may count for core content coursework if the district applies through SD DOE's CTE for Core Content program. See <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/corecontentcredit.aspx> for more information.
- Students may earn advanced endorsements with their high school diploma. See the *Advanced Endorsements* section for specific endorsements.

**NOTES for CURRENT requirements:**

- ~With school and parent/guardian approval, a student may be excused from a math and/or science course in favor of a more appropriate course. In the area of Math, a student may be excused from taking Algebra II or Geometry, but not both. The student must still take three units of Math. In the area of Lab Science, a student may be excused from the requirement to take Chemistry and/or Physics. Students must still take three units of Lab Science. A student's parent or legal guardian and school counselor or administrator must agree to the decision, and the excuse must be documented at the local level.
- Credit for an approved CTE course may count for core content coursework if the district applies through SD DOE's CTE for Core Content program. See <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/corecontentcredit.aspx> for more information.

**Advanced Endorsements**

Within the coursework outlined under *South Dakota High School Diploma Requirements*, a student may earn one (or more) of three advanced endorsements:

- **Advanced Endorsement:** Indicates a student has pursued coursework consistent with entrance requirements for postsecondary education at a university
- **Advanced Career Endorsement:** Indicates a student has career experience in a concentrated area, based on academic and/or workplace experience and a related credential
- **Advanced Honors Endorsement:** Indicates a student has pursued advanced rigorous, academic coursework consistent with §13-55-31.1 (High school course requirements for opportunity scholarship eligibility)

Advanced endorsements outline specific coursework completed within the general high school diploma requirements to denote particular emphases. (*Substitutions noted above with an \* do not apply to Advanced and Advanced Honors endorsement requirements.*) Highlighted areas show the distinctions for each endorsement.

**Advanced Endorsement:**

*Indicates a student has pursued coursework consistent with entrance requirements for postsecondary education at a university*

| Subject  | PROPOSED  |                      | CURRENT GRAD REQUIREMENTS  |                      |
|--|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|
|  | Within Units Required, Must Include:  | Total Units Required | Within Units Required, Must Include:   | Total Units Required |
| <b>English</b>   | 1 unit Writing<br>.5 unit Speech<br>1 unit Literature (including .5 unit American Literature) | 4                    | 1.5 units Writing<br>.5 unit Speech<br>1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature)<br>.5 unit Language Arts elective | 4                    |
| <b>Mathematics</b>   | 1 unit Algebra I<br><b>1 unit Geometry</b><br><b>1 unit Algebra II</b>                        | 3                    | 1 unit Algebra<br>1 unit Geometry~<br>1 unit Algebra II~   | 3                    |
| <b>Science</b>   | 1 unit Biology<br>2 units other lab sciences  | 3                    | 1 unit Any Physical Science<br>1 unit Biology<br>1 unit Chemistry or Physics~  | 3                    |
| <b>Social Studies</b>  | 1 unit U.S. History<br>.5 unit U.S. Government  | 3                    | 1 unit U.S. History<br>.5 unit U.S. Government<br>.5 unit World History<br>.5 unit Geography   | 3                    |
| <b>Fine Arts</b>   |   | 1                    |  | 1                    |
| <b>Physical Education</b>  |   | .5                   |  | .5                   |
| <b>Health/Health Integration</b>   |   | .5                   |  | .5                   |
| <b>Personal Finance or Economics</b>   |   | .5                   |  | .5                   |
| <b>Approved CTE --OR--<br/>World Language --OR--<br/>Capstone Experience</b> |   | 1                    |  | 1                    |
| <b>Electives</b>   |   | 5.5                  |  | 5.5                  |
| <b>Total</b>   |   | <b>22</b>            |  | <b>22</b>            |

**Advanced Career Endorsement:**

*Indicates a student has career experience in a concentrated area, based on academic and/or workplace experience and a related credential*

| Subject                       | PROPOSED  |                      | CURRENT GRAD REQUIREMENTS  |                      |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|
|                               | Within Units Required, Must Include:  | Total Units Required | Within Units Required, Must Include:   | Total Units Required |
| English                       | 1 unit Writing<br>.5 unit Speech<br>1 unit Literature (including .5 unit American Literature)   | 4                    | 1.5 units Writing<br>.5 unit Speech<br>1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature)<br>.5 unit Language Arts elective | 4                    |
| Mathematics                   | 1 unit Algebra I  | 3                    | 1 unit Algebra<br>1 unit Geometry~<br>1 unit Algebra II~   | 3                    |
| Science*                      | 1 unit Biology  | 3                    | 1 unit Any Physical Science<br>1 unit Biology<br>1 unit Chemistry or Physics~  | 3                    |
| Social Studies                | 1 unit U.S. History<br>.5 unit U.S. Government  | 3                    | 1 unit U.S. History<br>.5 unit U.S. Government<br>.5 unit World History<br>.5 unit Geography   | 3                    |
| Fine Arts                     |   | 1                    |  | 1                    |
| Physical Education            |   | .5                   |  | .5                   |
| Health/Health Integration     |   | .5                   |  | .5                   |
| Personal Finance or Economics |   | .5                   |  | .5                   |
|                               | 2 units of either of the following or a combination of the two:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved CTE units from the same career cluster <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Capstone Experience units</li> </ul> <b>AND</b><br>Attainment of an industry-recognized credential <b>OR</b> National Career Readiness Certificate of Silver or higher | 2+                   |  | 1                    |
| Electives                     |   | 4.5                  |  | 5.5                  |
| <b>Total</b>                  |   | <b>22</b>            |  | <b>22</b>            |

**Advanced Honors Endorsement:**  
*Indicates a student has pursued advanced rigorous, academic coursework consistent with §13-55-31.1 (High school course requirements for opportunity scholarship eligibility)*  
 All high school coursework completed with a "C" or higher.

| Subject                       | PROPOSED   |                      | CURRENT GRAD REQUIREMENTS  |                      |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|
|                               | Within Units Required, Must Include:   | Total Units Required | Within Units Required, Must Include:   | Total Units Required |
| English                       | 1.5 unit Writing<br>.5 unit Speech<br>1.5 unit Literature, including .5 unit American Literature<br>.5 unit Language Arts elective   | 4                    | 1.5 units Writing<br>.5 unit Speech<br>1.5 units Literature (must include .5 unit American Literature)<br>.5 unit Language Arts elective | 4                    |
| Mathematics                   | 1 unit Algebra I<br>1 unit Geometry<br>1 unit Algebra II<br>1 unit Advanced Mathematics (see <a href="https://sdos.sdbor.edu/require/require.htm">https://sdos.sdbor.edu/require/require.htm</a> for more information) | 4                    | 1 unit Algebra<br>1 unit Geometry~<br>1 unit Algebra II~   | 3                    |
| Science                       | 1 unit Biology<br>1 unit Any Physical Science<br>1 unit Chemistry or Physics<br>1 unit Science electives   | 4                    | 1 unit Any Physical Science<br>1 unit Biology<br>1 unit Chemistry or Physics~  | 3                    |
| Social Studies                | 1 unit U.S. History<br>.5 unit U.S. Government<br>.5 unit Geography<br>.5 unit World History<br>.5 unit Social Studies elective  | 3                    | 1 unit U.S. History<br>.5 unit U.S. Government<br>.5 unit World History<br>.5 unit Geography   | 3                    |
| Fine Arts                     |  | 1                    |  | 1                    |
| Physical Education            |  | .5                   |  | .5                   |
| Health/Health Integration     |  | .5                   |  | .5                   |
| Personal Finance or Economics |  | .5                   |  | .5                   |



|  |   |                   |  |                   |
|--|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| <p><b>Approved CTE –OR–<br/>World Language</b></p> | <p>2 units of either of the following or a combination of the two:<br/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved CTE courses <u>OR</u> Modern or Classical Language (including U.S. Sign Language); units must be in the same language</li> </ul> </p> | <p><b>2</b></p>   |  | <p><b>1</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Electives</b></p>                            |   | <p><b>2.5</b></p> |  | <p><b>5.5</b></p> |
| <p><b>Total</b></p>                                |   | <p><b>22</b></p>  |  | <p><b>22</b></p>  |