

HB 3278

YES to Aligning K-12 Graduation Requirements to a Student's Future

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HB 3278 aligns high school graduation requirements to support a student's future, regardless of what comes next – college, career or military service.

- Maintains same # of graduation course requirements (23 courses), but makes them more relevant and rigorous for a student's future
- Creates "Pathway Units" that help a student find their future path through relevant and rigorous courses
- Applicable to all students and all schools beginning with seventh grade students in the 2027-2028 school year; districts can offer sooner, if interested
- Expands course options under math and science

MATH

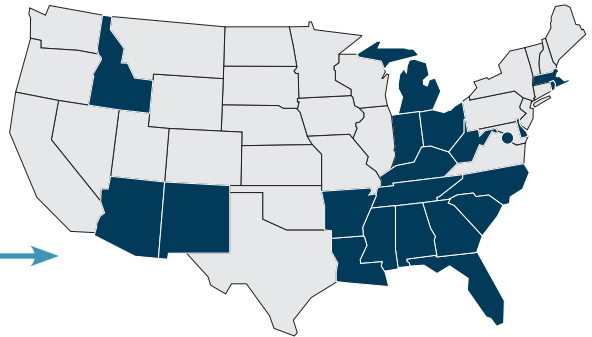
- Career Tech course
- Algebra I taken in 8th grade
- Locally approved math-based course (example: Construction 101, students will have instruction on the proper angles needed to build, have to find the amount of flooring needed for large spaces, deal with weight distribution formulas, etc.)
- Computer Science

SCIENCE

- Career Tech course
- Locally approved science-based course (example: Cosmetology Chemistry course where the students will learn how to measure chemicals needed to treat hair and what the interactions between wrong and right chemicals could be.)

■ Adds a 4th math course requirement

- **Unlike the 4-by-4 of the past**, the required courses in **HB 3278** are only — Algebra I and Geometry or Algebra II. The remaining 2 courses are up to the student.
- 19 states and DC require 4 or more math courses



Current - 3 Courses Required*
Algebra I*
Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
Calculus
AP and IB Courses
Concurrent College Course
Trigonometry
Accounting
Statistics

Proposed - 4 Courses Required	
Required*	2 Additional Courses Based on Pathway
Algebra I*	Computer Science
Geometry* or Algebra II*	Career Tech Course
	Locally Approved Math-Based Course
	Pre-Calculus
	Calculus
	AP and IB Courses
	Concurrent College Course
	Trigonometry
	Accounting
	Statistics



- Creates a “Pathway Unit” that will align to a student’s next chapter
 - Shifts a student’s focus to courses relevant to their future in college, a career or the military.
 - Students must complete 6 pathway units. The student, with support from their parents and counselors, will select pathway units that align with the student’s next chapter, but doesn’t box a student into any field. The units allow for “on and off ramps” for the student to explore options available, if unsure of their future path.
 - Elective courses will still be available for students to seek athletic and non-academic courses.

This is not a one-size-fits-all approach, it’s an approach that takes each student’s interest, aptitude and future into consideration.

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