

**HIGH SCHOOL COURSES APPROVED BY THE SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD
OF REGENTS AS MEETING CRITERIA FOR THE
SOUTH DAKOTA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

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GEDDES HIGH SCHOOL APPROVED COURSES

4 UNITS OF ENGLISH

English Courses that Meet the SD Opportunity Scholarship Criteria (Courses with major emphasis upon grammar, composition, or literary analysis. One year of debate instruction may be included to meet this requirement.)

Course Number*	Course Title**	Units Per Semester	Total Units Possible per Year	Recommended Grade Level
	American Literature	½	½	11
	British Literature	½	½	12
	Grammar and Composition	½	½	9
	Introduction to Literature	½	½	9
	Literature II	½	½	10
	Research and Creative Writing	½	½	11
	Speech	½	½	10
	Technical Writing	½	½	12

*If available

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4 UNITS OF ALGEBRA OR HIGHER MATHEMATICS

Math Courses that Meet the SD Opportunity Scholarship Criteria (Algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or other advanced mathematics, including accelerated or honors mathematics (algebra) provided at the 8th grade level. Arithmetic, business, consumer or general mathematics, or other similar courses, are not included.) Effective for 2007 high school graduates, to meet the scholarship requirements, the 8th grade algebra course must be recorded on the high school transcript with the unit of credit included in the requirements for high school graduation and the letter grade included in the high school cumulative grade point average. For 2005 and 2006 high school graduates, the 8th grade algebra course must be recorded on the high school transcript with the unit of credit and letter grade. However, for 2005 and 2006 high school graduates, the unit does not have to be included in the requirements for high school graduation and the letter grade does not have to be included in the high school cumulative grade point average. In addition, only for 2005 and 2006 high school graduates, a P (Pass) grade may be used if the school district did not assign letter grades.

Course Number*	Course Title**	Units Per Semester	Total Units Possible per Year	Recommended Grade Level
	AP Calculus	½	1	12
	Algebra I	½	1	9

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	Algebra II	½	1	11
	Geometry	½	1	10
	Pre Calculus	½	½	12
	Trigonometry	½	½	12

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**4 UNITS OF SCIENCE INCLUDING 3 UNITS
OF LABORATORY SCIENCE**

Science Courses that Meet the SD Opportunity Scholarship Criteria (Courses in biology, chemistry, or physics in which at least one regular laboratory period is scheduled each week. Qualifying physical science or earth science courses (with lab) may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.) In the course title indicate if a lab is included, e.g. Biology I/Lab.

Course Number*	Course Title**	Units Per Semester	Total Units Possible per Year	Recommended Grade Level
	Advanced Biology (Lab)	½	1	11
	Biology (Lab)	½	1	10
	Chemistry (Lab)	½	1	11
	Physical Science (Lab)	½	1	9
	Physics (Lab)	1	2(????)	12

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3 UNITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies Courses that Meet the SD Opportunity Scholarship Criteria (History, economics, sociology, geography, United States or South Dakota government, American Problems, and similar courses.)

Course Number*	Course Title**	Units Per Semester	Total Units Possible per Year	Recommended Grade Level
	American History	½	½	11
	Geography	½	1	9, 10, 11, 12
	Psychology	½	½	11, 12
	Sociology	½	½	11, 12
	US Government	½	½	12
	World History	½	1	9, 10, 11, 12

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2 UNITS OF THE SAME MODERN (INCLUDING AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE) OR CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

Language Courses that Meet the SD Opportunity Scholarship Criteria (A modern or classical language, including American Sign Language. The two units must be in the same language.)

Course Number*	Course Title**	Units Per Semester	Total Units Possible per Year	Recommended Grade Level
	Spanish I	1/2	1	9, 10, 11, 12
	Spanish II	1/2	1	10, 11, 12

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1/2 UNIT OF FINE ARTS

(1 unit of Fine Arts effective Fall 2005)

Fine Arts Courses that Meet the SD Opportunity Scholarship Criteria (Effective for the fall 2005 semester for students graduating from South Dakota high schools, one unit in art, theatre, or music. Such credit may be in appreciation, analysis, or performance. Through the fall 2004 semester for students graduating from South Dakota high schools, one-half unit of art, theatre, or music is required. Such credit may be in appreciation, analysis, or performance.)

Course Number*	Course Title**	Units Per Semester	Total Units Possible per Year	Recommended Grade Level
	Band	1/4	1/2	9, 10, 11, 12
	Chorus	1/4	1/2	9, 10, 11, 12

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½ UNIT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science Courses that Meet the SD Opportunity Scholarship Criteria
(Students must have basic keyboarding skills, experience in using computer word processing, database, and spreadsheet packages, and experience in using the Internet or other wide area networks.)

Course Number*	Course Title**	Units Per Semester	Total Units Possible per Year	Recommended Grade Level
	Computer Concepts	½	½	9, 10, 11, 12
	Computer Science III	½	1	10, 11, 12
	Desktop Publishing	½	1	10, 11, 12

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