

**High School Graduation Requirements  
Little Rock School District**

<b>Class of 2015-2016 and All Classes Thereafter Arkansas Smart Core Curriculum</b>	<b>Class of 2015-2016 and All Classes Thereafter Arkansas Core Curriculum</b>
<b>English – 4 units</b> English I English II English III English IV	<b>English – 4 units</b> English I English II English III English IV
<b>Oral Communication – ½ unit</b>	<b>Oral Communication – ½ unit</b>
<b>Mathematics – 4 units<sup>^</sup></b> Algebra I* (ESL, Regular, or Pre-AP) Geometry* (ESL, Regular, or Pre-AP) (*A two-year algebra equivalent or a two-year geometry equivalent may each be counted as two units of the four-unit requirement for the purpose of meeting the graduation requirement, but only serve as on unit each toward fulfilling the Smart Core requirement.) Algebra II (ESL, Regular, or Pre-AP) Choice of: Advanced Topics & Modeling in Mathematics, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Linear Systems & Statistics, Computer Science and Mathematics, Math Ready or an Advanced Placement math (Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable.)	<b>Mathematics – 4 units<sup>^</sup></b> Algebra I or its equivalent* Geometry or its equivalent* (All math units must build on the base of algebra and geometry knowledge and skills. Comparable Concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable. *A two-year algebra equivalent or a two-year geometry equivalent may each be counted two units of the four (4) unit requirement.)
<b>Science – 3 units<sup>^</sup></b> Biology – 1 unit Two units chosen from Physical Science, Chemistry, and Physics	<b>Science – 3 units<sup>^</sup></b> Biology or its equivalent – 1 unit Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics – 1 unit One additional unit ADE approved science
<b>Social Studies – 3 units</b> Civics – ½ unit World History – 1 unit U.S. History – 1 unit Economics – ½ unit (Dependent upon the certification of the teacher teaching the course, this can count toward the required three (3) social studies credits or the six (6) required Career Focus elective credits.)	<b>Social Studies – 3 units</b> Civics – ½ unit World History – 1 unit U.S. History – 1 unit Economics – ½ unit (Dependent upon the certification of the teacher teaching the course, this can count toward the required three (3) social studies credits or the six (6) required Career Focus elective credits.)
<b>Physical Education – ½ unit</b>	<b>Physical Education – ½ unit</b>
<b>Health and Safety – ½ unit</b>	<b>Health and Safety – ½ unit</b>
<b>Fine Arts – ½ unit</b> One unit from art, dance, drama, or music	<b>Fine Arts – ½ unit</b> One unit from art, dance, drama, or music
<b>Career Focus – 6 units</b> At least six units from any of the approved Career Focus programs.	<b>Career Focus – 6 units</b> At least six units from any of the approved Career Focus programs.
<b><sup>^</sup>Computer Science</b> – A flex unit of computer Science and Mathematics, Essentials of Computer Programming, or AP Computer Science may replace the 4 <sup>th</sup> math requirement or the 3 <sup>rd</sup> science requirement. Two distinct units of the computer science courses listed above may replace the 4 <sup>th</sup> math requirement and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> science requirement. If the 4 <sup>th</sup> math requirement and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> science requirement have been met through other coursework, any of the computer science courses listed above may be used for career focus credit.	
<b>Beginning with the entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade class of the 2014-2015 school year, each high school student shall be required to take at least one digital learning course for credit to graduate. (Act 1280 of 2013)</b>	
<b>Total – 22 units</b>	<b>Total – 22 units</b>

## **Little Rock Scholars Curriculum**

The Little Rock Scholars Curriculum requires that students meet the appropriate year's curriculum for Smart Core and two additional units for a total of 26 units. The 26 units must include at least eight Pre-Advanced Placement and/or Advanced Placement courses, four (4) units of both science and social studies and two (2) units of any one foreign language.

<b>Little Rock Scholars</b>
<b>English – 4 units</b> English I English II English III English IV
<b>Oral Communication – ½ unit</b> Communication – ½ unit
<b>Mathematics – 4 units (in grades 9-12)^</b> Algebra I Geometry Algebra II One or more additional units of advanced mathematics for the completion of four units. All students must take a math course each year through the tenth grade and must take a math course in either the eleventh or twelfth grade.
<b>Science – 4 units^</b> Biology – 1 unit Two units chosen from Physical Science, Chemistry, and Physics One additional unit
<b>Social Studies – 4 units</b> Civics – ½ unit World History – 1 unit U.S. History – 1 unit Economics – ½ unit One additional unit
<b>Foreign Language – 2 units</b> Two units of any one foreign language
<b>Physical Education – ½ unit</b> Physical Education
<b>Health – ½ unit</b> Health and Safety
<b>Fine Arts – ½ unit</b> One unit from art, dance, drama, or music
<b>Career Focus – 6 units</b> Six units from any of the approved Career Focus programs.
<b>^Computer Science</b> – A flex unit of computer Science and Mathematics, Essentials of Computer Programming, or AP Computer Science may replace the 4 <sup>th</sup> math requirement or the 3 <sup>rd</sup> science requirement. Two distinct units of the computer science courses listed above may replace the 4 <sup>th</sup> math requirement and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> science requirement. If the 4 <sup>th</sup> math requirement and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> science requirement have been met through other coursework, any of the computer science courses listed above may be used for career focus credit.
<b>Beginning with the entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade class of the 2014-2015 school year, each high school student shall be required to take at least one digital learning course for credit to graduate. (Act 1280 of 2013)</b>
<b>Total – 26 units</b>