

Starting with the 2018-2019 freshman class, Mississippi high school students will get to choose from four diploma options. They can complete the requirements for a traditional diploma or take additional classes to earn an academic, distinguished academic or career and technical education (CTE) endorsement. Furthermore, when they graduate in 2022, students who earn the academic or distinguished academic diploma will automatically qualify for admission into one of the state's public universities.

– Students must earn 24 credits (Carnegie units) in a selection of required classes including English, math, science, social studies, technology or computer science, college and career readiness, health, art, physical education, and electives.