

Honors and Awards Checklist

SC High School Diploma Requirements

The South Carolina General Assembly has established the requirement for a high school diploma in South Carolina at 24 credits.

A student must earn a total of 24 units off credit distributed as follows:

- English/Language Arts - 4 Units
 - U.S. History and Constitution - 1 Unit
 - Economics (1/2 Unit), Government (1/2 Unit) - 1 Unit
 - Other Social Studies - 1 Unit
 - Mathematics - 4 Units
 - Science - 3 Units
 - Physical Education or ROTC - 1 Unit
 - Computer Science (Including Keyboarding) - 1 Unit
 - Foreign Language or Occupational Education - 1 Unit
 - Electives - 7 Units
- Total 24 Units**

Horry County Schools Honors Diploma (Must meet ALL of the following):

- GPA = or > 4.0 on SC UGP
- SAT EBRW + Math = or > 1000 or ACT Composite = or > 22
- 5 or more math courses
- 4 or more credit bearing science courses
- 3 or more courses at the AP, IB, or Dual Credit Level
- 3 or more courses in the same foreign language or four courses in 2 different foreign languages
- At least 28 high school credits, meet requirements for a State High School diploma
- Show evidence of participation in at least one school-sponsored organization during grades 10-12 or complete 50 hours of approved community service during high school

Horry County Schools Honor Graduates (GPA based on SC UGP)

Summa Cum Laude

GPA = or > 4.75

Magna Cum Laude

GPA = or > 4.250 but < 4.75

Cum Laude

GPA = > 3.75 but < 4.250

South Carolina State Scholarships

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

- GPA = or > 3.5 SC UGP
 - SAT = or > 1200 (EBRW+M) or ACT Composite = or > 27
 - Rank in top 6% of class at end of Sophomore, Junior, or Senior Year
 - Valued at \$6,700 freshman year. Increases sophomore year; amount depends on major
- OR**
- GPA = or > 4.0
 - SAT 1400 (V+M) or ACT composite 32

LIFE Scholarship

Must meet 2 of the following 3 criteria at the end of the senior year with their final transcript:

- GPA = or > 3.0 on SC UGP (This is the only criteria needed to use LIFE at a 2 year school)
- Rank in top 30% of class
- SAT = or > 1100 (EBRW+M) or ACT Composite = or > 24
- Valued at \$5,000 freshman year. May increase to \$7,500 if major is math or science

HOPE Scholarship

- 3.0 GPA
- One time award of \$2,800. If student takes 30 credit hours and maintains a B average freshman year, the award will increase to LIFE their sophomore year.