

## **S.C. Academic Achievement Honors Award**

The requirements for the S.C. Academic Achievement Honors Award are determined by the S.C. Department of Education. The requirements presented here are based on information received by the District at the time of adoption of this policy and are subject to change at the discretion of the S.C. Department of Education.

1. For a student to receive a S.C. Academic Achievement Honors Award, the student must (1) complete twenty-four units of credit as prescribed; (2) meet the standard on all subtests of the S.C. exit examination; (3) receive a minimum grade of “B” for each semester course in grades 9-12 through the seventh semester; and (4) achieve either a score of 710 on the SAT critical reading or a score of 690 on the SAT math, or an ACT score of 30 on English or 33 on mathematics – **OR** – (1) each student shall have completed 24 units of high school credit; (2) be eligible for graduation with a S.C. high school diploma; (3) have a combined score of 1400 on the SAT critical reading and math sections, or an ACT composite score of 31.
2. Of the 24 units earned, 18 units must be college preparatory coursework, four units in additional electives, and two units in one or more of the following: English, science, social studies or mathematics.
3. College preparatory coursework includes: English [English I or above] (four units); Mathematics [Algebra I or above] (four units); laboratory science (three units); social studies [United States/South Carolina studies, economics/government, and one unit of global studies/world history, global studies/world geography, or western civilization] (three units); computer science (one unit); physical education (one unit); and foreign language (two units).