

The SC High School Credential will provide a course of study designed to equip students with the skills, knowledge, and work ethic needed to succeed in today's job market.

In SC, 50% of districts offer an occupational credential but the level of quality varies.

This state-recognized credential will provide equitable quality of a career preparation program throughout the state.

The SC High School Credential helps to ensure that we are working to prepare the entirety of the SC workforce by equipping students with adequate skills.



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**SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL
CREDENTIAL**



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South Carolina's High School Credential

South Carolina has roughly 100,000 students with disabilities serviced under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), of which the majority are able to earn a State high school diploma. Given the varying levels of student achievement, some students are unable to complete this required high school coursework. As a result, there is a need to provide an alternative option for students with disabilities to demonstrate their ability to transition into the work community.

The uniform, state-recognized SC High School Credential will be aligned to a newly created course of study for these students with disabilities whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) team determines this course of study is appropriate.

QUICK FACTS

Section 59-39-100 was amended to include:

1. flexibility in identifying and creating personalized diploma pathway options for all students.
2. an employability credential for applicable students with disabilities.

The SC High School Credential:

- is not a SC High School Diploma.
- is not for all students with disabilities.
- is a career-based educational program.
- starts with the freshman class of 2018 with an expected completion date of 2022.
- is aligned with the Profile of the SC Graduate.

SC High School Credential DRAFT Overview

24 units of coursework aligned with the SC College and Career-Ready Standards

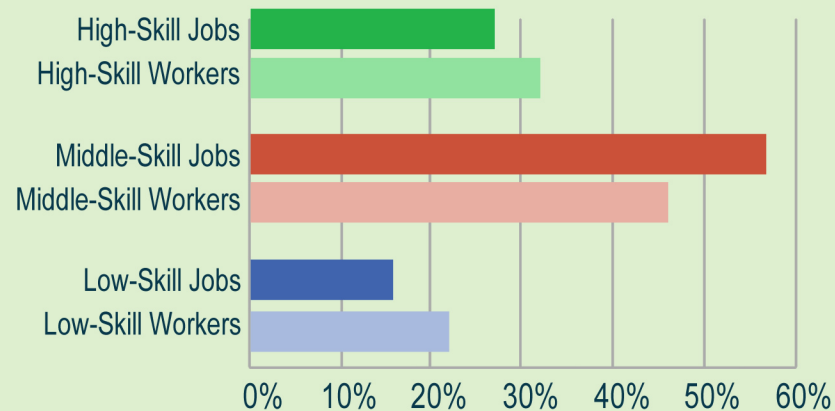
Units	Courses
4	ELA
4	Math
2	Science
2	Social Studies
4	Employability Education
1	PE/Health (or equivalent)
1	Technology
6	Electives

The Forgotten Middle

Middle-skill jobs, which require education beyond high school but not a four-year degree, make up the largest part of America's and South Carolina's labor market.

Key industries in South Carolina are unable to find enough sufficiently trained workers to fill these jobs.

Jobs and Workers by Skill Level, South Carolina, 2015



Source: NSC analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment Statistics by State, May 2015 and American Community Survey data 2015.

AND

- ✓ Career portfolio that includes a multimedia presentation project.
- ✓ Work readiness assessment results that demonstrate the student is ready for competitive employment.
- ✓ Work-based learning/training that totals at least 360 hours.