

Appendix K: SB3 Requirement for Program Year 2026-2027

Senate Bill 3 (SB3) was signed by Governor Kotek in June 2023. Beginning with the class of 2027, the Oregon diploma requirements will include a 0.5 credit in Personal Financial Education and a 0.5 credit in Higher Education and Career Path Skills, as part of the 24- credit diploma requirements. This requires the development of new standards designed to support students in developing skills they will need to be successful in their future lives. To read the bill, follow this link [SB3](#).

Purpose of the New Requirements:

- Provide students opportunities to acquire a variety of real-world skills,
- Enable students to focus on the practical application of financial literacy to future aspirations,
- Establish dedicated time for all students to receive support in developing interview skills and resumes, applying for financial aid, and completing employment and/or college applications, and
- Promote students' successful transition to career, college, and adult life.

In program year 2026-2027, Adult High School Diploma programs will have to provide proof that elements of SB3 have been satisfied by detailing what courses satisfy the requirements of SB3. If the program currently has courses that satisfy this requirement, those will need to be submitted with next year's application and include justification demonstrating how the courses meet the standards outlined for Personal Financial Education and Higher Education and Career Path Skills (each course must provide at least 0.5 credits). If the program does not have current classes that fulfill this requirement, new courses will need to be developed.

To learn more about the overview, background, purpose, credit requirements, and timeline, view this resource provided by the Oregon Department of Education, [Oregon's Newest Diploma Requirements](#). Please note that Adult High School Diploma programs will not be eligible to apply for a waiver. Adult High School Diploma programs must ensure that students who will be awarded high school diplomas on or after January 1, 2027, are able to satisfy these credit requirements. A course outline must be provided for the courses identified in the table below to ensure alignment with Diploma requirements.

Personal Financial Education Course and Credit Hour(s)	
Higher Education and Career Path Skills Course and Credit Hour(s)	