

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must successfully complete the courses required by the board and Iowa Department of Education in order to graduate.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure that students complete grades one through twelve and that high school students complete 54 total credits.

English- 8 Credits

English 1 (2 credits)

English 2 (2 credits)

English 3 (2 credits)

Speech (1 credit)

Other Elective (1 credit)

Math 6 credits (each student's math path is unique to their learning needs determined by ISASP and teacher recommendation.)

Science- 6 credits

Biology (2 credits)

Physical Science (2 credits)

Chemistry I (1 credit/semester required)

Elective (1 credit)

Social Studies- 6 Credits

American History (2 credits)

World History (2 credits)

American Government (1 credit)

Behavioral Science (1 credit)

PE -4 2 Credits (refer to the PE board policy 603.6 for other potential options)

Health- 1 credit

Health 1 (1 credit)

Computer Science (1 credit)

Personal Finance (1 credit)

Electives

23 credits

The required courses of study will be reviewed by the board annually.

Prior to graduation, the district will advise students on how to successfully complete the free

application for federal student aid.

Graduation requirements for special education students include successful completion of four years of English, three years of math, three years of social studies and three years of science.

Students who complete a regular session in the Legislative Page Program of the general assembly at the state capitol will be credited $\frac{1}{2}$ credit of social studies.

Students enrolled in a junior officers' training Corp will receive $\frac{1}{8}$ th physical education credit for each semester the student is enrolled in the program.

In cases where a concurrent enrollment course includes required lecture and laboratory components determined by the postsecondary institution, and those requirements span multiple high school periods, the district may award multiple high school credits to accurately reflect the instructional time and coursework replaced within the high school schedule. However, the student may be awarded no more high school credits than the number of elective credits the student would otherwise be eligible to earn outside of the predetermined concurrent enrollment schedule for that course.

Students with the school year starting July 1, 2026, students must receive a passing score on the civics test as set forth by the Iowa Department of Education and required by relevant laws.

NOTE: This is a mandatory policy

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 256.11, .11A; 279.8; 280.3 .14
281 I.A.C. 12.2, .5

Cross Reference: 507 Student Health and Well-being

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