

PROPOSED High School Graduation Requirements

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A student's Personal Learning Plan must document a minimum of 22 credits.

- (1) Four units or more of Language Arts - must include:
 - a. Writing – 1.5 units
 - b. Literature – 1.5 units (must include .5 unit of American Literature)
 - c. Speech or Debate - .5 unit
 - d. Language Arts elective - .5 unit
- (2) Three units or more of Mathematics - must include:
 - a. Algebra I – 1 unit
 - b. Geometry - 1 unit
 - c. *Algebra II – 1 unit
- (3) Three units or more of Lab Science - must include:
 - a. Biology – 1 unit
 - b. Physical Science elective– 1 unit
 - c. *Chemistry or Physics – 1 unit
- (4) Three units or more of Social Studies - must include:
 - a. U.S. History – 1 unit
 - b. U.S. Government - .5 unit
 - c. World History - .5 unit
 - d. Geography - .5 unit
 - e. Social Studies elective – .5 unit
- (5) One unit or more of the following – any combination:
 - a. Approved Career & Technical Education courses
 - b. + Capstone Experience and/or + Service Learning
 - c. World Languages
- (6) One-half unit or more of Personal Finance or Economics
- (7) One unit of ^Fine Arts
- (8) One-half unit of Health or ^Physical Education

*Districts have the ability to waive students from this course in favor of a more appropriate course. If a student waives the Algebra II requirement, he/she must still take three units of math: Algebra I, Geometry and a Math elective. If a student waives the Chemistry or Physics requirement, he/she must still take three units of Science: Biology, Physical Science elective and another Lab Science elective.

+ Required offering- fall of 2013

^ Local decision. Credit for extracurricular activities may be used for up to one credit in Fine Arts and up to one credit in Physical Education. A maximum of ¼ credit may be given for any extracurricular activity; no time sheets need to be kept. All activities sponsored by the High School Activities Association will automatically be approved. Any other activities must be approved by the Department of Education. You must be a participant to qualify for credit; managers, statisticians, etc. are not eligible for credit.

NOTE: The state's public universities require the third unit of math be Algebra II or a higher level mathematics for admission. The state's public universities require that one of the units of science include Chemistry or Physics for admission. The state's public universities require one unit of Fine Arts for admission. The state's technical institutes have many programs that recommend Algebra II and Chemistry and/or Physics.

Local districts wishing to offer credit for core content areas through an approved Career & Technical Education course must apply to the Department of Education.

A waiver will be put in rule to address the concerns with ELL students. This will allow students that meet that criterion to be able to opt out of certain courses.

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