

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Credit Hour

The term means credit awarded for the successful completion of the work required in one instructional unit. The number of credit hours given for a course may be less than the number of instructional units and may be increase up to 25% above (example: credit given for a course of eight instructional units could range from 0 to ten. $8 \times 1.25 = 10$ credit hours)

Instructional Unit

An instructional unit means fifteen clock hours of classroom in a course offered in the secondary school. There are 900 minutes in an instructional unit (15 hours x 60 minutes). The total number of minutes of classroom instruction offered in a course divided by 900 equals the instructional units. For example: An English class that meets for 40 minutes a day, five days a week for 36 weeks would total 7,200 minutes; 7200 divided by 900 = 8 instructional units. A class that meets for 50 minutes a day, five days a week for 36 weeks would total 10 instructional units.

Certificate of Attendance

Any pupil completing the 12th grade who has not been capable of meeting the minimum of academic requirements will be issued a certificate of attendance instead of a diploma.

Graduation Requirements and Awarding of Diplomas

After the student has met the requirements for graduation, he or she is therefore entitled to a high school diploma. Only students who are regularly enrolled in school and have met graduation requirements for a diploma may be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies.

- Successful completion of 240 credit hours
- Minimal requirements to include 135 Credit Hours in the four basic academics: 40 Credit Hours in English, 30 Credit Hours in Mathematics, 30 Credit Hours in Science (to include Physical Science and Biology), and 35 Credit Hours in Social Studies (to include Geography, World History, American History, American Government, and Economics/Personal Finance).
- 10 Credit Hours of basic computer usage (to include Keyboarding and an applications course).
- 10 Credit Hours of Physical Education
Beginning with the Class of 2015, participation in a full sport season will result in the student being awarded 2.5 PE credits that may accumulate to 10 PE credits with the participation of four or more sport seasons over a student's academic career.
- 5 Credit Hours of Human Relations (to include Psychology or Family Living).
- 20 Clock hours of Community Service to be completed prior to April 1st of the graduating year.

High School Credit for Middle School Courses

High school credit may be awarded to students in a middle grades course if the course content and requirements are equivalent to a course offered in the high school.

Special Education Students

Special Education students who acquire 240 hours credit hours will be awarded a diploma.

The course of study for each student in Special Education will be determined by the Psychologist, special education personnel, the parents, the student, the teachers of that student, and the School Administration. Each student has abilities unique to him or herself, as designated in their MDT and IEP.

A student who receives modified/adapted curriculum or full time special education services will not be eligible for typical high school honors (ex. Class ranking for scholarship purposes, valedictorian, salutatorian, etc.). Administration reserves the right to recognize special education students for additional honors when students of special needs complete a majority of their coursework with minimal modifications.

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