

9700 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

9733 Graduation Requirements - Graduating Class of 2014 and Beyond

It shall be the policy of the Board to acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interest and needs by the awarding of a diploma and a concentrated area of study certificate.

The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in this District who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board.

Any student graduating from the senior high schools of the District is required to satisfactorily complete a minimum of **28.00** credits in grades 9-10-11-12 for a high school diploma. A breakdown of the credits is as follows:

ACADEMIC SEQUENCE
Credit Requirements for Grades 9 through 12

English	4.0 credits
Math	3.0 credits
Science	4.0 credits
Social Studies	4.0 credits
Phys. Ed.	1.0 credit
Foreign Language	2.0 credits
Health	.5 credit
Computer Technology	.5 credit
Technology Education	.5 credit
Project	1.0 credit
Electives	<u>7.5 credits</u>

28.00 Total Credits for Graduation

OCCUPATIONAL PREPARATORY SEQUENCE
Credit Requirements for Grades 9 through 12

English	4.0 credits
Math	3.0 credits
Science	4.0 credits
Social Studies	4.0 credits
Phys. Ed.	1.0 credit
Health	.5 credit
Computer Technology	.5 credit
Technology Education	.5 credit
Project	1.0 credit
Electives	<u>9.5 credits</u>

28.00 Total Credits for Graduation

CAREER CENTER SEQUENCE
Credit Requirements for Grades 9 through 12

English	4.0 credits
Math	3.0 credits
Science	4.0 credits
Social Studies	4.0 credits
Phys. Ed.	1.0 credit
Health	.5 credit
Computer Technology	.5 credit
Technology Education	.5 credit
Project	1.0 credit
Electives (will include Career Center credits)	<u>9.5 credits</u>

28.00 Total Credits for Graduation

In order to graduate from the District, the student must demonstrate proficiency in the **Keystone Exams** in **Algebra I, Literature, and Biology, and such other subjects as shall be determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, no later than grade 11.** Students shall be permitted to take the **Keystone Exams** upon completion of the courses covered by the **Keystone Exams**, and as many times as necessary prior to and/or during their grade 11 year to achieve proficient or advanced scores. Students who do not score at the proficient level or above on the **Keystone Exams** by the end of their grade 11 year will be required to participate in the state-developed **Project Based Assessment**, which shall be the District's approved alternative assessment. The **Project Based Assessment** shall be administered during their senior year, or earlier, depending on the student's individualized educational plan (IEP). Students must achieve a defined scaled score to achieve proficiency on this assessment **no later than** their junior or senior year. The required minimum scaled scores will be increased to keep pace with increases to the **Keystone Exam** proficiency level as mandated by PDE to meet NCLB federal guidelines.

5 The Graduation Project will be recorded the student's senior year. The course titled
6 Senior Project will be graded Pass/Incomplete and will not count towards a student's GPA.
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8 The student's highest **Keystone Exam, or** grade 11 score in **Algebra I, Literature,**
9 **and Biology, and such other subjects as shall be determined by the Pennsylvania**
10 **Department of Education,** will be recorded on his/her transcript.
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12 "... Children with disabilities who satisfactorily complete a special education program
13 developed by an Individualized Education Program team under the Individuals with
14 Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) and this part shall be granted and issued a
15 regular high school diploma by the ..." District.
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17 The Superintendent or his/her designee is authorized to develop procedures for
18 implementation of this policy.

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ACADEMIC SEQUENCE

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English (1)	English (1)	English (1)	English (1)
Math (1)	Math (1)	Math (1)	Science (1)
Social Studies (1)	Social Studies (1)	Social Studies (1)	Social Studies (1)
Science (1)	Science (1)	Science (1)	*Graduation Project (1) Pass/Incomplete
Phys. Ed. (.250) and Health (.50)	Phys. Ed. (.250)	Phys. Ed. (.250)	Phys. Ed. (.250)
Foreign Language (1)	Foreign Language (1)		
Required Electives (.5)	Required Electives (2.0)	Required Electives (2.5)	Required Electives 2.5
Computer Technology (.5) - course will include On-Line, Electronic Search Strategies and Career Awareness material			
Technology Education (.5) (Replaces Industrial Arts)			
			Total Credits needed for graduation – 28.00

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* The Graduation Project grade will be recorded the student's senior year.

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OCCUPATIONAL PREPARATORY SEQUENCE

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English (1)	English (1)	English (1)	English (1)
Math (1)	Math (1)	Math (1)	Science (1)
Social Studies (1)	Social Studies (1)	Social Studies (1)	Social Studies (1)
Science (1)	Science (1)	Science (1)	Phys. Ed. (.250)
Phys. Ed. (.250)	Phys. Ed. (.250)	Phys. Ed. (.250)	* Graduation Project (1) Pass/Incomplete
Elective (1.5)	Required electives (3.0)	Required electives (2.5)	Required electives (2.5)
Health (.500)			
Computer Technology (1) - course will include On-Line, Electronic Search Strategies and Career Awareness material			
Technology Education (.5) (Replaces Industrial Arts)			
			Total credits needed for Graduation – 28.00

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CAREER CENTER SEQUENCE

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English (1)	English (1)	English (1)	English (1)
Math (1)	Math (1)	Math (1)	Science (1)
Social Studies (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies (1)	Social Studies (1)	Social Studies (1)
Science (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Science (1)	Science (1)	* Graduation Project (1) Pass/Incomplete
Phys. Ed (.250)	Phys. Ed (.250)	Phys. Ed (.250)	Phys. Ed (.250)
	Career Center (3)	Career Center (2.5)	Career Center (2.5)
Health (.500)			
Computer Technology (.5) - course will include On-Line, Electronic Search Strategies and Career Awareness material.			
Technology Education (.5) (Replaces Industrial Arts)			
Elective (1.5) It is recommended that a student take physical education as one of their elective courses.			
			Total Credits needed for Graduation – 28.00

5 * The Graduation Project grade will be recorded the student's senior year.

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4 The minimum credits taken by students in grades 10 through 12 who pursue the Career
5 Center Sequence vary due to the elected program of study. All Career Center students will be
6 required to successfully complete 28.000 credits for graduation.

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8 Students that elect to attend the Warren County Career Center may attend a 2-year, 6
9 credit program of study, or a 3-year, 9 credit program of study.

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11 Students attending WCCC may take additional credits at WAHS through a cooperative
12 agreement between the home school, shop area, course availability, and student educational
13 requirement.

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17 Adoption Date - April 8, 2002
18 Revised - January 12, 2004 – Second Reading
19 - July 16, 2007
20 Practice -
21 Legal Reference - Chapter 4 – Academic Standards and
22 Assessment – January 1999
23 - Chapter 12 – February 2006
24 Cross Reference - 9145, 9190

25 JHS/kk/rjf

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