

**9700 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

9732 Graduation Requirements - Graduating Class of 2011 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. The listed requirements become effective with students entering ninth grade. ~~in August 2007.~~

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>
<b>28.00 Total Credits for Graduation</b>	

**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	9.5 credits

**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
<b>Graduation Project *</b>	1.0 credit
Electives** (will include Career Center credits)	<u>9.5 credits</u>

**28.00 Total Credits for Graduation**

\* The Graduation Project will be recorded the student's senior year. The course titled Senior Project will be graded Pass/Incomplete and will not count towards a student's GPA.

\*\* ~~Electives should include two consecutive years of a World Language course for any student considering post-secondary education. It is recommended for any student that is considering post-secondary education to include as elective selections at least two consecutive years of a World Language Course.~~

In order to graduate from the District, the student must **meet State assessment requirements.** ~~demonstrate proficiency in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) in mathematics, writing, and reading in grades 11 and/or 12. Students who do not score at the proficient level or above on the PSSA Reading and Mathematics will be administered the Metropolitan Achievement Test, Eighth Edition (MAT 8), the District's approved alternative assessment. Students must achieve a defined scaled score to achieve proficiency on this assessment during their junior or senior year. The required minimum scaled scores will be increased to keep pace with increases to the PSSA proficiency level as mandated by PDE to meet NCLB federal guidelines. In addition, a student failing to achieve~~

- 1 ~~proficiency or above in the grade 11/12 PSSA Writing Assessment must be evaluated at a~~
- 2 ~~proficient level on a nationally recognized standardized assessment.~~

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 PSSA, grade 11 or 12, score in mathematics, reading, and writing~~  
9 ~~will be recorded on his/her transcript.~~  
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11        **Students receiving educational services pursuant to a Gifted Individualized**  
12 **Educational Program (GIEP) under Chapter 16 of the State Board of Education**  
13 **regulations may receive modified and/or accelerated course instruction, scheduled**  
14 **concurrent college course instruction, as well as other individualized instruction. Gifted**  
15 **students may accelerate through the curriculum, may not follow a traditional grade**  
16 **sequence, and may graduate ahead of their class. Graduation requirements as provided**  
17 **herein may be modified for gifted students in the GIEP on an individual student basis.**  
18 **Where a student's GIEP provides modification to the graduation requirements of this**  
19 **policy, the student's GIEP shall control; provided, however, that all gifted students shall**  
20 **complete the required number of graduation credits, or their equivalent, for graduation.**  
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22        "... Children with disabilities who satisfactorily complete a special education program  
23 developed by an Individualized Education Program team under the Individuals with  
24 Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) and this part shall be granted and issued a  
25 regular high school diploma by the ..." District.  
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27        ~~The Superintendent or his/her designee is charged with reviewing the MAT-8~~  
28 ~~proficiency levels in reading and mathematics and local proficiency level in writing every two~~  
29 ~~(2) years in order to determine new proficiency standards or reaffirm those in use. The~~  
30 ~~Superintendent or his/her designee is authorized to develop procedures for implementation of~~  
31 ~~this policy.~~

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

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

**OCCUPATIONAL PREPARATORY SEQUENCE**

<b>GRADE 9</b>	<b>GRADE 10</b>	<b>GRADE 11</b>	<b>GRADE 12</b>
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

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

**CAREER CENTER SEQUENCE**

<b>GRADE 9</b>	<b>GRADE 10</b>	<b>GRADE 11</b>	<b>GRADE 12</b>
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

\* 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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