

9700 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

9734 Graduation Requirements – Graduating Class of 2019 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.

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.

Any student graduating from the District is required to satisfactorily complete a minimum of 24.00 credits in grades 9-10-11-12 for a high school diploma. A breakdown of the credits is as follows:

Credit Requirements for Grades 9 through 12 (Excludes Career Center Students)

English	4.0 credits
Math	3.0 credits or 4 credits
Science	4.0 credits or 3 credits
Social Studies	4.0 credits
Phys. Ed.	1.0 credit
Health	.5 credit
STEM or Computer Technology	.5 credit
Electives**	<u>7.0 credits</u>
24.00 Total Credits for Graduation	

*** STEM applies for the Class of 2022 and Beyond**

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS SEQUENCING FOR GRADUATION							
Class of 2019		Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022 and Beyond	
26 credits		25 credits		24 credits		24 credits	
English	4.0	English	4.0	English	4.0	English	4.0
Math	4.0 or 3.0	Math	4.0 or 3.0	Math	4.0 or 3.0	Math	4.0 or 3.0
Science	4.0 or 3.0	Science	4.0 or 3.0	Science	4.0 or 3.0	Science	4.0 or 3.0
Social Studies	4.0	Social Studies	4.0	Social Studies	4.0	Social Studies	4.0
Physical Education	1.0	Physical Education	1.0	Physical Education	1.0	Physical Education	1.0
Health	0.5	Health	0.5	Health	0.5	Health	0.5

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CREDIT REQUIREMENTS SEQUENCING FOR GRADUATION (continued)							
Class of 2019		Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022 and Beyond	
26 credits		25 credits		24 credits		24 credits	
Computer Technology	0.5	Computer Technology	0.5	Computer Technology	0.5	Computer Technology	0.5
Technology Education	0.5	Technology Education	0.5	Technology Education	0.5	or STEM	0.5
Electives	8.5	Electives	8.5	Electives	6.5	Electives	7.0

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Credit Requirements for Grades 9 through 12 (Career Center Students from all attendance areas)

English 4.0 credits

Math 3.0 credits

Science 3.0 credits

Social Studies 3.0 credits

Phys. Ed. 1.0 credit

Health .5 credit

STEM or Computer Technology .5 credit

Electives** 9.0 credits

24.00 Total Credits for Graduation

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Class of 2019		Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022 and Beyond	
26 credits		25 credits		24 credits		24 credits	
English	4.0	English	4.0	English	4.0	English	4.0
Math	4.0 or 3.0	Math	4.0 or 3.0	Math	3.0	Math	3.0
Science	4.0 or 3.0	Science	4.0 or 3.0	Science	3.0	Science	3.0
Social Studies	4.0	Social Studies	3.0	Social Studies	3.0	Social Studies	3.0
Physical Education	1.0	Physical Education	1.0	Physical Education	1.0	Physical Education	1.0
Health	0.5	Health	0.5	Health	0.5	Health	0.5
Computer Technology	0.5	Computer Technology	0.5	Computer Technology	0.5	Computer Technology	0.5
Technology Education	0.5	Technology Education	0.5	Technology Education	0.5	or STEM	0.5
Electives	8.5	Electives	8.5	Electives	8.5	Electives	9.0

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** 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.*

Students who take four (4) mathematics credits through the approved course sequencing will only be required to take three (3) science credits. Students who take four (4) science credits through the approved

course sequencing will only be required to take three (3) mathematics credits. It is understood that a cumulative total of seven (7) mathematics/science credits are required for graduation.

In order to graduate from the District, the student must meet State assessment requirements. In addition, all students are expected to complete the state-mandated college and career readiness requirements by the end of their junior year.

Students receiving educational services pursuant to a Gifted Individualized Educational Program (GIEP) under Chapter 16 of the State Board of Education regulations may receive modified and/or accelerated course instruction, scheduled concurrent college course instruction, as well as other individualized instruction. Gifted students may accelerate through the curriculum, may not follow a traditional grade sequence, and may graduate ahead of their class.

Graduation requirements as provided herein may be modified for gifted students in the GIEP on an individual student basis. Where a student's GIEP provides modification to the graduation requirements of this policy, the student's GIEP shall control; provided, however, that all gifted students shall complete the required number of graduation credits, or their equivalent, for graduation.

“... Children with disabilities who satisfactorily complete a special education program developed by an Individualized Education Program team under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) and this part shall be granted and issued a regular high school diploma by the ...” District.

The Superintendent or his/her designee is authorized to develop procedures for implementation of this policy.

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