

Instruction

The Board of Education has set graduation requirements and the academic program for all students. All students will be required to take six classes per semester and have 22.0 credits for graduation.

Graduation Requirements

English (including 9 & 10)	4.0 Credits
Mathematics (including Algebra and Geometry)	3.0 Credits
Science (including Biology)	2.5 Credits
Health	0.5 Credits
Social Studies (including Modern World History, US History, and American Government)	2.5 Credits
*Physical Education	3.0-3.5 Credits
**Consumer Education	0.5 Credits
***Career & Technical Education, Foreign Language, or Fine Arts Electives	2.5 Credits 3.0-3.5 Credits
Total Credits Required	22.0 Credits

*Students who do not take Driver Education are required to take an additional semester (.5 credits) of P.E. for a total of 3.5 credits.

**Students who choose to take and pass a proficiency examination in consumer education and/or American Government will not be required to take the course. Students may not take the proficiency exam while enrolled in the course.

***All students will be required to take at least 2.5 credits in Career & Technical Education, or Foreign Language, or Fine Arts. The total number of credits (2.5) in this requirement must be from at least two of the three different areas/disciplines (Career & Technical Education, Foreign language, or Fine Arts) in this requirement.

In addition to graduate from high school, unless otherwise exempted, each student is responsible for:

1. Completing all District graduation requirements that are in addition to the State requirements.
2. Completing all courses as provided in The School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-22, according to the year in which a student entered the 9th grade.
3. Completing all minimum requirements for graduation as specified by Illinois State Board of Education rule, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.440.
4. Passing an examination on patriotism and principles of representative government, proper use of the flag, methods of voting, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Taking the Prairie State Achievement Examination, unless the student is exempt according to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64.

The Superintendent's designee is responsible for:

1. Maintaining a description of all course offerings that comply with the above graduation requirements.
2. Notifying students and their parents/guardians of graduation requirements.
3. Developing the criteria for #4 above.

4. Taking all other actions to implement this policy.

Recommended High School Course Sequence

Ninth Grade

English 9
 Mathematics
 Science
 Health/Physical Education
 Technical Ed, Foreign Language, or Fine Arts
 Modern World History

Tenth Grade

English 10
 Mathematics
 Science
 Driver Education/Physical Education
 Technical Ed, Foreign Language, or Fine Arts
 Elective

Eleventh Grade

English (2 semesters)
 Mathematics
 Physical Education
 U.S. History
 Science/Elective
 Elective

Twelfth Grade

English (2 semesters)
 Social Studies/Consumer Education
 Physical Education
 Elective
 Elective
 Elective

Certificate of Completion

A student with a disability who has an Individualized Education Program prescribing special education, transition planning, transition services, or related services beyond the student's 4 years of high school, qualifies for a certificate of completion after the student has completed 4 years of high school. The student is encouraged to participate in the graduation ceremony of his or her high school graduation class. The Superintendent or designee shall provide timely written notice of this requirement to children with disabilities and their parents/guardians.

Early Graduation

The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures for students to graduate early, provided they finish 7 semesters of high school and meet all graduation requirements.

Veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict

Upon application, an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict will be awarded a diploma, provided that he or she: (1) resided within an area currently within the District at the time he or she left high school, (2) left high school before graduating in order to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, and (3) has not received a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) diploma.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64, 5/22-27, 5/27-3, 5/27-22, and 5/27-22.10.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.440.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency), 7:50
(School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools)

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