

POLICY: 605.3

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must successfully complete the courses required by the board and Iowa Department of Education in order to graduate.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to ensure that students complete grades one through twelve and that high school students complete 48 credits prior to graduation.

The following credits will be required for graduation:

- English - 8 credits
 - English 9 - 2 credits
 - English 10 - 2 credits
 - Speech - 1 credit
 - Literature - 1 credit
 - Composition - 1 credit
 - Elective - 1 credit
- Social Studies - 6 credits
 - World Studies - 2 credits
 - American History or equivalent - 2 credits
 - Behavioral Social Science Elective - 1 credit
 - American Government - 1 credit
- Science - 6 credits
 - Biology or equivalent - 2 credits
 - Chemistry or equivalent - 2 credits
 - Physics or equivalent - 2 credits
- Math - 6 credits
 - Algebra 1 or equivalent - 2 credits
 - Geometry or equivalent - 2 credits
 - Math Electives - 2 credits
- PE - 4 credits
- Health - 1 credit
- Financial Literacy / Personal Finance - 1 credit
- Electives - 16 credits

The required courses of study will be reviewed by the board annually.

Beginning with the class of 2022, graduation requirements for special education students will include successful completion of four years of English, three years of math, three years of social studies and three years of science.

Students who complete a regular session in the Legislative Page Program of the general assembly at the state capitol will be credited $\frac{1}{2}$ credit of social studies.

Students enrolled in a junior officers' training corp will receive $\frac{1}{8}$ th physical education credit for each semester the student is enrolled in the program.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Iowa Code, §256.7, 11, .41; 279.8, 280.3, .14
281 I.A.C. 12.3(5); 12.5

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