

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All 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 44 credits prior to graduation. **Note: A total of 48 credits will be required to graduate beginning with the Class of 2025.**

The following credits will be required for graduation.

Language Arts	8 credits (i.e., English I, English II, Advanced English and 2 electives)
Science	6 credits (i.e., Earth and Space, Biology, Physical Science/Chemistry or Chemistry, Physical Science/Physics or Physics)
Mathematics	6 credits (i.e., Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry)
Social Studies	6 credits (i.e., United States History, World History, Economics, Government) Note: 7 credits for Social Studies is required beginning with the Class of 2025
Physical Education	4 credits (8 semesters)
Electives	12 credits (Class of 2021 and beyond) 13 credits (Class of 2019 and 2020)
Personal Finance*	1 credit
*All students graduating in the year 2020 or prior	
Personal Finance & Career Readiness**	2 credits
**All students graduating in the year 2021 or after	

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

Prior to graduation, the district will advise students on how to successfully complete the free application for federal student aid.

Graduation requirements for special education students 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 ½ credit of social studies.

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

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 256.11, .11A; 279.8; 280.3, .14 (2013).
281 I.A.C. 12.2, .5; 12.3(5) .

Cross Reference: 505 Student Scholastic Achievement
603.3 Special Education

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