

studies, encompassing at least United States history, geography, government and citizenship, and world history, and one-half credit of economics taught in a school's social studies or business department;

5. Two credits in the arts; two credits of physical education; and 2 credits of health; and
6. A minimum of twelve elective course credits.
7. Options for meeting graduation requirements

Waivers

Students who choose to take more rigorous course work in any particular subject area may waive a requirement in that area. Reasons for waiving a requirement might include scheduling difficulties. Students must have permission of the respective Department Chair and a counselor.

Health

Students who will be taking International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement preparatory course work in 10th grade may take Health 10 in summer school instead of during the school year.

Physical Education

Students who will be taking International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement preparatory course work in 10th grade may take P.E. 10 in summer school instead of during the school year.

- C. All students must satisfactorily complete the following required Graduation Standards:
 1. Commencing with the 2003-2004 school year, all students entering the ninth grade must satisfactorily complete the following Minnesota Academic Standards, in accordance with the standards developed by the Department of Education:
 - a. Minnesota Academic Standards, Language Arts K-12 (2003);
 - b. Minnesota Academic Standards, Mathematics K-12 (2003);
 - c. Minnesota Academic Standards, Science K-12 (2004);
 - d. Minnesota Academic Standards, Social Studies K-12 (2004); and
 - e. Minnesota Academic Standards, Arts K-12 (2003);

VI. EARLY GRADUATION

Students may be considered for early graduation, as provided for within Minn. Stat. § 120B.07 upon meeting the following conditions:

- A. All course or standards and credit requirements must be met.

VII. NOTICE

The school district will notify students and their parents of the school district's graduation requirements within 30 working days of a student's entry into ninth grade.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota's Students)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.024 (Graduation Requirements; Course Credits)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.07 (Early Graduation)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)

Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards - Mathematics and Reading)

Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0200-3501.0290 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards - Written Composition)

Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0505-3501.0635 (K-12 Standards)

20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (No Child Left Behind Act)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 104 (School District Mission Statement)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 601 (School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 614 (School District Testing Plan and Procedure)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 615 (Basic Standards Testing, Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP, Section 504 Accommodation, and LEP Students)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 616 (School District System Accountability)