

# Graduation

## Requirements for Graduation

Subjects	Grade Required	Credits
English 9 or Honors English 9	9	1
English 10 or Honors English 10	10	1
AP English Language and Composition or Choice of English Elective	11	1
Advanced English Class or Choice of English Elective	12	1
Recent American History or Honors Recent American History	9	1
World History or Honors World History	10	1
Government or Honors Government (OR American National Politics plus additional 1/2 credit of Social Studies)	11	1
Math (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2)	9-11	3
Physical Science or Physics 1 or Applied Physics	9	1
Biology 1 or Honors Biology or Principles of Biomedical Science and an additional Science Elective	10-12	2
Practical Art*	9-12	1
Fine Art**	9-12	1
Personal Finance	11-12	1/2
Physical Education	9-12	1
Health	9	1/2
Required credits		17
Elective credits		8
Total Graduation Credits		25

- **Practical Art** includes all Broadcast Journalism courses, Mass Media Production, Yearbook Production as well as all Business, Family & Consumer Science, Industrial Arts, Technical Theatre Studies, or Career & Technology courses

\*\***Fine Art** includes any Art, Crafts, Music, Theatre, Photography or Drama course

The required core courses have prerequisites and these will be followed. Failing a core course will keep you from enrolling in the next sequential course until a passing grade is earned. **Summer school (if available) is mandatory in the core areas if you fail required courses.**

Each student must successfully complete studies in the U.S. Constitution and the Missouri Constitution. Successful completion of the Government course will satisfy the Missouri Constitution requirement. The U.S. Constitution test must be passed.

## Requirements for Early Graduation

A student who, for sound educational and vocational reasons, wishes to graduate from high school in less time than the required eight (8) semesters, grade 9-12 sequence, may request permission to complete graduation requirements on an alternate schedule. The students and parents/guardians will consult with high school guidance personnel to develop a graduation plan. A request in writing should be submitted with the signature of the student and parent/guardian.

Specific regulations and procedures for permitting students to complete their high school education in less than four (4) years will be developed by the administration and approved by the Board of Education. A student who graduates early must complete all other graduation requirements established by the Board of Education and must meet all requirements and procedures established for early graduation.

## Commencement Participation

Those students who have completed the Fort Osage R-1 School District graduation requirements by 3:00 p.m. the last day of attendance for the senior class may participate in the commencement ceremonies. Students are not eligible to participate if they have not met the Fort Osage R-1 School District graduation requirements by the deadline.