

5 High School Graduation Requirements

7 The Board shall award a high school diploma to every student enrolled in the District who meets  
8 the requirements of graduation established by the District. The official transcript will indicate the  
9 specific courses taken and level of achievement.

11 The Board shall establish graduation requirements which, as a minimum, satisfy those  
12 established by the Board of Public Education (10.55.904, 905 & 906, ARM). Generally, any  
13 change in graduation requirements promulgated by the Board will become effective for the next  
14 class to enter ninth grade. Exceptions to this general rule may be made where it is determined by  
15 the Board that the proposed change in graduation requirements will not have a negative effect on  
16 students already in grades nine through twelve (9-12). The Board shall approve graduation  
17 requirements as recommended by the Superintendent.

19 To graduate from Great Falls Public Schools, a student must have satisfactorily completed the  
20 last quarter prior to graduation as a Great Falls Public School student. Highly unusual exceptions  
21 may be considered by the principal, such as a student exchange program in a recognized school.

23 The Board grants the Superintendent or his/her designee the authority to waive specific course  
24 requirements based on individual student needs and performance levels. Waiver requests shall  
25 also be considered with respect to age, maturity, interest, and aspirations of the students and shall  
26 be in consultation with the parents or guardians. In addition, the Superintendent or designee can  
27 determine that a student may be given credit for a course satisfactorily completed in a period of  
28 time shorter or longer than normally required and, provided that the course meets the District's  
29 curriculum and assessment requirements, which are aligned with the content standards stated in  
30 the education program.

32 A student who possesses a disabling condition shall satisfy those competency requirements  
33 which are incorporated into the individualized education program ("IEP"). Satisfactory  
34 completion of the objectives incorporated into the IEP shall serve as the basis for determining  
35 completion of a course.

37 A student may be denied participation in graduation ceremonies in accordance with § 20-5-  
38 201(3), MCA. In such instances the diploma will be awarded after the official ceremony has  
39 been held.

41 Cross References:

42 Policy 1005FE Proficiency Based Learning

43 Policy 2333 Participation in Commencement Exercises

44 Policy 2410R Publication of Graduation Requirements

45 Policy 2600 Work Based Learning

46 Policy 3125 Homeless Students

1 Policy 3310 Student Discipline  
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3 Legal Reference:  
4 § 20-1-102, MCA  
5 § 20-3-322(3), MCA Meetings and Quorum  
6 § 20-5-201, MCA Duties and sanctions  
7 10.55.904, ARM Basic education program offerings - high school  
8 10.55.905, ARM Graduation requirements  
9 10.55.906, ARM Credit  
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