

5205 Graduation

To participate in commencement exercises or receive a Plattsmouth Community Schools diploma a student must fully complete all requirements for graduation prior to the official commencement exercises, and complete other administrative requirements or conditions. Students who graduate from Plattsmouth Community Schools must accumulate 240 hours. The total graduation requirements must include the following core curriculum:

To receive a diploma from Plattsmouth High School, a student must have earned a total of 240 hours. Five hours are awarded for the successful completion of a course that meets for one period per day, five days per week, for one semester. Students are required to be enrolled in a minimum of six courses, unless students provide the District with documentation of enrollment in a post-secondary education program or an approved work program and they receive approval from the Superintendent and High School Principal to be enrolled in less than six courses.

Graduation requirements approved by the board are as follows:

Required Subjects:

Language Arts:	40 hours
Mathematics:	30 hours
Social Studies:	35 hours with ten hours of American History, ten hours of Geography, and ten hours of Government
Science:	30 hours
Physical Education:	20 hours
Fine Arts and Technology:	10 hours
Computers:	10 hours including Keyboarding Or Career Pathways
Communications/Life Management Skills	10 hours

Students physically unable to engage in physical education classes may be excused upon presentation of a certificate signed by a physician. Students may take a weight lifting class for four years, but only ten hours of credit may count toward elective hours for graduation.

If students transfer from another school that does not require as many credits as our district's high school, and if those students would thereby be in danger of not graduating at the regular time, individual consideration will be given by pro-rating the number of credits needed for graduation according to the amount of time the student spent in the other school.

Graduation requirements for special education students will be in accordance with the prescribed course of study as described in their Individual Education Program (IEP). Prior to the special education student's graduation, the IEP team shall determine whether the graduation requirements have been met.

A diploma may be granted for participation in courses which, if they would have been successfully completed, would have totaled the required graduation hours, but the diploma will indicate

participation rather than successful completion of course requirements. Additionally, the Board recognizes a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) as equivalent to a regular high school diploma.

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