

345.6 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board awards diplomas to recognize those students who have met District-established requirements for high school graduation as set forth in this policy. The District Administrator and High School Principal(s) shall be responsible for the general supervision and management of the graduation of students. The District's general student nondiscrimination policy applies in all respects to the methods, practices, and materials used for determining the graduation status of students.

Attendance/Participation Requirements

Throughout their enrollment in the District, a student must have been enrolled in a class or participated in an activity approved by the Board during each class period of each school day or enrolled in an alternative education program approved by the District. The only exceptions to this enrollment and participation requirement are those authorized under state law and approved by the District for the individual student.

The Board requires a meaningful period of enrollment in the District and attendance in a District school or program in order to earn a District high school diploma. The minimum period of attendance shall generally include the full semester immediately preceding the student's graduation, during which period the student earned high school credit. An exception to this minimum period may be granted by the District Administrator in extraordinary circumstances where the District Administrator determines that (1) the reason the student did not meet the requirement was reasonably beyond the control of the student and, if under the age of 18, the student's parent or guardian; and (2) instructional staff are able to make a sufficient assessment of the student's academic performance.

Course Credit Requirements

The District establishes the following credit requirement for high school graduation. All required credits must be earned by completing the course with a minimum passing grade while the student was enrolled in the high school grades.

Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2022:

The student must earn a minimum of 25 credits for graduation as follows:

- English 4.0 credits
- Mathematics 3.0 credits
- Science 3.0 credits
- Social Studies 3.0 credits
- Physical Education 1.5 credits
- Healthy Choices 0.5 credits

- Fine Arts 0.5 credits
- Personal Finance 0.5 credits
- Technical Arts 0.5 credits
- Elective Credits (any area) 8.5 credits

Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2023:

Students must earn a minimum of 26 credits for graduation as follows:

- English: 4.0 credits
- Mathematics: 3.0 credits
- Science: 3.0 credits
- Social Studies: 3.0 credits
- Physical Education: 1.5 credits
- Healthy Choices: 0.5 credits
- Mental Wellness: 0.5 credits
- Personal Finance: 0.5 credits
- Fine Arts: 0.5 credits
- Technical Arts: 0.5 credits
- Electives: 9.0 credits

Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2024:

Students must earn a minimum of 27 credits for graduation as follows:

- English: 4.0 credits
- Mathematics: 3.0 credits
- Science: 3.0 credits
- Social Studies: 3.0 credits
- Physical Education: 1.5 credits
- Healthy Choices: 0.5 credits
- Mental Wellness: 0.5 credits
- Personal Finance: 0.5 credits
- Fine Arts: 0.5 credits
- Technical Arts: 0.5 credits
- Electives: 10.0 credits

Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2025:

Students must earn a minimum of 28 credits for graduation as follows:

- English: 4.0 credits
- Mathematics: 3.0 credits
- Science: 3.0 credits
- Social Studies: 3.0 credits
- Physical Education: 1.5 credits

- Healthy Choices: 0.5 credits
- Mental Wellness: 0.5 credits
- Personal Finance: 0.5 credits
- Fine Arts: 0.5 credits
- Technical Arts: 0.5 credits
- Electives: 11.0 credits

Credit for a course of study that a student successfully completes outside of the District may be granted toward high school graduation as a transfer credit. This may include a health education credit earned in seventh or eighth grade. The administration may modify the credit requirement for students with extenuating circumstances (e.g. transfer from a district that requires less credits to graduate or medical considerations).

All students are required to pass the Wisconsin Civics Exam with a 60% or higher before graduation.

Students are required to complete 40 hours of community service prior to graduation. Students that transfer into Auburndale High School after the start of their ninth-grade year will be required to complete 10 hours of community service per year that they are enrolled at Auburndale High School. It is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to keep track of community service hours and submit them to the High School Counseling Office prior to April of the graduating year.

Alternative Education Programs

The District provides one or more Board-approved alternative education programs for high school students that provide an opportunity for the student to become eligible for high school graduation. In order to receive a District-issued high school diploma through an alternative education program, the District Administrator, High School Principal and designated program administrator must determine, in consultation with instructors who are familiar with the student's work and progress, that the student has successfully completed the program and demonstrated a level of proficiency in the subjects for which credit is required under the state's minimum graduation requirements that is equivalent to the proficiency the student would have attained if he/she had satisfied the applicable minimum credit requirements defined in state law.

A student's high school transcript (not diploma) will designate whether the student's academic eligibility for graduation was established via earning all required course credits or via an approved alternate demonstration of proficiency.

High school students who attend a Charter School, of which the District is a consortium member, are considered Charter School students and are required to meet the

graduation requirements established by the Charter School. Students who graduate through a Charter School are eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies for students who graduate from Auburndale Senior High School.

Accommodations for Students with Exceptional Educational Interests, Needs or Requirements

In the event a student with a disability who is eligible for special education will not be receiving a regular high school diploma based on his/her satisfaction of applicable high school graduation requirements, the District may, at an appropriate time, award the student a certificate of attendance or completion and grant the student permission to participate in graduation exercises in a manner in which the District does not improperly disclose the student's status as a student with a disability.

Diploma for Qualified Veterans

In the event that a qualified veteran, as determined under state law, requests the Board to award a high school diploma, the request shall be filed with the District Administrator and brought to the Board for review and approval.

Legal References: Sections 115.28(7)(e)1; 115.915; 118.13; 118.15; 118.35; 118.153; 118.33; 120.13(37); 121.02(1)(p) and Chapter 115, Subchapter V of Wisconsin Statutes as well as PI 18 and PI 25 of Wisconsin Administrative Code

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