

6005 Academic Credits and Graduation

The district shall accept credits toward graduation that were awarded by an accredited school district, and shall award a diploma to an option enrollment or open enrollment student if the student meets the district's graduation requirements.

Course credit is allowed only for grades 9, 10, 11, 12. Students may repeat courses in which they made failing grades, but it is not necessary to repeat courses not required for graduation.

The responsibility for determining when students are eligible to be graduated from high school is delegated by the Board of Education to the building principal.

Specific Requirements - Each student is expected to successfully complete course work in each of the following areas as listed:

Graduation Requirements Beginning with the Class of 2021

1. English: 35 credits (Must pass Eng. 1, Eng. 2, Eng. 3 and Composition)
2. Oral Communications: 5 credits
3. Social Studies: 30 credits (Must pass World Civilization, U.S. History and American Government)
4. Mathematics: 30 credits (including 10 above pre-Algebra level)
5. Science: 30 credits. (Must pass Life Science & Chem/Physics 1)
6. Physical Education: 20 credits (Must pass Family Life Education and Fitness & Swim Foundations)
7. Fine Arts: 10 credits
8. Career Education: 25 credits (Must pass Consumer Finance and Career Exploration)
8. Elective Courses: 55 credits

Graduation Requirements Beginning with the Class of 2026

1. English: 40 credits (Must pass English 1 & English 2)
3. Social Studies: 30 credits (Must pass World Civilization, U.S. History and American Government)
4. Mathematics: 30 credits (minimum of 10 at or above Algebra 1)
5. Science: 30 credits. (Must pass Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)

6. Physical Education: 20 credits (Must pass Health & Wellness and Fitness & Swim Foundations)

7. Fine Arts: 10 credits

8. Career Education: 20 credits (Must pass Consumer Finance and Career Exploration or Career Capstone course)

8. Elective Courses: 60 credits

All students must successfully complete 240 hours of credit in grades 9-12, and attend a minimum of seven semesters. All students must function within the guidelines of an Individual Learning Plan.

Graduation Requirements Beginning with the Class of 2029

1. English: 40 credits (Must pass English 1, English 2, English 3 or AP English)

3. Social Studies: 30 credits (Must pass World Civilization, U.S. History and American Government)

4. Mathematics: 30 credits (minimum of 10 at or above Algebra 1)

5. Science: 30 credits. (Must pass Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)

6. Physical Education: 20 credits (Must pass Health & Wellness and Fitness & Swim Foundations)

7. Fine Arts: 10 credits

8. Career Education: 20 credits (Must pass Consumer Finance and Career Exploration or Career Capstone course)

8. Elective Courses: 60 credits

All students must successfully complete 240 credits in grades 9-12, and attend a minimum of seven semesters. All students must function within the guidelines of an Individual Learning Plan.

Community Service

All students must complete 10 hours of community service for each year of attendance at Ralston High School (40 total).

Early Graduation

Students may graduate at mid-term of their senior year if they make formal application to the Senior Counselor prior to November 1st of their senior year.

Students may graduate in fewer than seven semesters if they make formal application by the end of the first term the year prior to early graduation. Early graduation requests for students completing fewer than seven semesters must be approved by the Board of Education.

The High School Principal will review any unique circumstances related to these graduation requirements for any student and make appropriate recommendations to the Superintendent.

Any student requesting to graduate prior to completing eight semesters of high school must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community service to be eligible for early graduation.

Pupil Progress-Secondary

Pupils in grades 9-12, with approval of the superintendent or his/her designee, may earn credit by correspondence from an accredited school approved by the Nebraska department of Education, provided work is supervised by a teacher with valid Nebraska certification.

Pupils may enroll in approved night school courses that meet Nebraska Department of Education specifications, and thereby earn credit toward secondary school graduation requirements provided that approval has been granted by the superintendent or his/her designee.

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