

GDA: Graduation Requirements

Graduation from the schools of the District implies that students have satisfactorily completed the prescribed courses of study for the several grade levels in accordance with their respective abilities to achieve and that they have satisfactorily passed any examinations and other requirements set by the School Board and the faculty. In addition, students shall have maintained a satisfactory record of citizenship during their progression through the instructional program of the schools.

The requirements for graduation shall be established in keeping with the North Dakota law.

Beginning the 2010-2011 school year and subsequent years, students will need 22 credits for graduation including the following: English language arts, 4 units (from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech); mathematics, 3 units; science, 3 units (including one unit of physical science; one unit of biology; and one unit of any other science; or two one-half units of any other science); social studies, 3 units (including one unit of United States History; one-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics; or one unit of problems of democracy; and one unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota studies, psychology, sociology, and world history); physical education, 1 unit or one-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health; 3 units (Foreign languages; Native American languages; Fine arts; or Career and technical education courses); and any 5 additional units.

If after completing at least two years of high school a student has failed to pass at least one-half unit from three subsections above or has a grade point average at or below the twenty-fifth percentile of other students in the district who are enrolled in the same grade, the student may request that the student's career advisor, guidance counselor, or principal meet with the student and the student's parent to determine if the student should be permitted to pursue an optional high school curriculum, in place of the requirements set forth above. If a student's parent consents in writing to the student pursuing the optional high school curriculum, the student is eligible to receive a high school diploma upon completing 21 credits with the following requirements: English language arts, 4 units (from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech); mathematics, 2 units; science, 2 units; social studies, 3 units (which may include up to one-half unit of North Dakota studies and one-half unit of multicultural studies); physical education, 1 unit or one-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health; 2 units (Foreign languages; Native American languages; Fine arts; or Career and technical education courses); and any 7 additional units.

It is understood that some students will be involved in special and adaptive programs, successful completion of which will result in graduation.

Students must have all coursework submitted and graded by 5 pm of the last day of school in order to participate in graduation ceremonies.

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