

Graduation Requirements

Twenty-two (22) units of credit are required for graduation from Community High School District 99. One-half unit of credit is earned upon successful completion of a subject which meets on a daily basis for one semester. The successful completion of a course which meets on a daily basis for a year will be worth one unit of credit. It is expected that students take a minimum of six courses per semester. Of the 22 units of credit required for graduation, a total of 17 units must come from the areas listed below.

English	4 units
Mathematics	3 units
Science	2 units
Social Studies.....	3 units
Physical Education, Health & Driver Education	4 units
Fine Arts.....	½ unit
Career & Technical Education.....	½ unit

In addition, prior to graduation, all students must:

- Fulfill the Consumer Education requirement as defined by the State of Illinois.
- Pass an examination on patriotism, principles of representative government, and proper use and display of the American flag.
- Participate in State assessments that are required for graduation by State law.
- Filing one of the following: (1) a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the U.S. Dept. of Education, (2) an application for State financial aid, or (3) an Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) waiver form indicating that the student understands what these aid opportunities are and has chosen not to file an application. If the student is not at least 18 years of age or legally emancipated, the student’s parent/guardian must file one of these documents on the student’s behalf.

A student is exempt from this requirement if: (1) the student is unable to file a financial aid application or an ISBE waiver due to extenuating circumstances, (2) the Building Principal attests the District made a good faith effort to assist the student or the student’s parent/guardian with filing a financial aid application or an ISBE waiver form, and (3) the student has met all other graduation requirements.

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for:

1. Maintaining a description of all course offerings that comply with the above graduation requirements.
2. Notifying students and their parents/guardians of graduation requirements.
3. Developing the criteria for passing an examination on patriotism, principles of representative government and proper use and display of the American flag.

4. Complying with State law requirements for students who transfer during their senior year because their parent(s)/guardian(s) are on active military duty. This includes making reasonable adjustments to ensure graduation if possible, or efforts to ensure that the original (transferor) school district issues the student a diploma.
5. Taking all other actions needed or necessary to implement this policy.

Early Graduation

The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures for students to graduate early.

Certificate of Completion

A student with a disability who has an Individualized Education Program prescribing special education, transition planning, transition services, or related services beyond the student's four years of high school, qualifies for a certificate of completion after the student has completed four years of high school. The student may qualify to participate in the graduation ceremony of his or her high school graduation class. The Superintendent or designee shall provide timely and meaningful written notice of this policy to children with disabilities and their parents/guardians.

Service Member Diploma

The District will award a diploma to a service member who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the U.S. Armed Forces or an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict, provided that he or she: (1) resided within an area currently within the District at the time he or she left high school, (2) left high school before graduating in order to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, and (3) has not received a high school diploma.

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