**To**: USD 261 Board of Education & Mr. Jeff Hersh
**From**: Shane Seeley & Jennifer Reed
**Re**: High School Graduation Credits
**Date**: February 26, 2024

**History/Relevance:** Campus High School changed the graduation credit requirement for students in the graduating class of 2020 to the graduating class of 2024 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The state of Kansas currently requires 21 credits to graduate. Within these requirements, students are required to have the following:

- 4 English
- 3 Math
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 1 PE
- 1 Fine Arts

Starting with the class of 2028, all of the above courses are required with the following additional courses:

- 1 STEM Elective
- .5 Financial Literacy

**What:** We would like to request that the required graduation credits be set to 25 for all Campus High School students. CHS Principal Mr. Seeley surveyed students, parents, and staff while collecting data from other Kansas school districts to determine that 25 credits were the best solution.

**Why:** The 25-credit graduation requirement will increase our graduation rate and allow the district to focus on the new graduation requirements for students, ultimately setting them up for success.

**Where:** This will impact current (juniors, sophomores, and freshmen) and future students at Campus High School.

**When:** This will begin during the 2024-2025 school year.

**How:** With the board's approval, Campus High School will make the necessary arrangements to communicate this change with families and change the handbook to reflect the credit requirements.

**Who:** This will impact the graduating class of 2025 and beyond.

**How much:** There is no cost for this change.

Thank you,

Shane Seeley, Principal, Campus High School
Jennifer Reed, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Services

## Campus High School Graduation Requirements 1960-2024

| Years/Subjects | 1960-1975 | 1976-1988 | 1989-1997 | 1998 | 1999-2001 | 2002 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| English | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Math | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Science (S) Total | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| (S): Physical | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| (S): Biology | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| (S): Elective | | | | | | 1 |
| Social Studies (SS) Total | 2 | 1.5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| SS: World Studies | | | | | | 0.5 |
| SS: World History | | | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1 |
| SS: US History | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| SS: Am. Gov. | 1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| SS: Elective | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| PE | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Keyboarding | | | | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Electives | 13 | 13.5 | 10 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 11.5 |
| **Total** | **22** | **22** | **22** | **24** | **25** | **25** |

| Years/Subjects | 2003-2008 | 2009-2016 | 2017-2019 | 2020-2021 | 2022-2024 | 2025+ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| English (E) Total | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| E: 12th English | | | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| E: Speech | | | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Math | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Science (S) Total | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| (S): Physical | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| (S): Biology | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| (S): Elective | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Social Studies (SS) Total | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| SS: World Studies | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | | |
| SS: World History | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| SS: US History | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| SS: Modern US History | | | | | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| SS: Am. Gov. | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| PE | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Fine Arts | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Financial Literacy (2028) | | | | | | |
| Electives | 11 | 10 | 12 | 9 | 9 | |
| STEM Elective (2028) | | | | | | |
| **Total** | **25** | **25** | **27** | **24** | **24** | |

Graduation Requirements: Class of 2028

| Subject/Content Area | Total Credits |
|---|---|
| English Language Arts (ELA)/Communications<br>○ 1.0 English 9<br>○ 1.0 English 10<br>○ 1.0 English 11 or ELA Elective<br>○ 0.5 English ELA Elective<br>○ 0.5 Speech | 4 |
| Mathematics<br>○ 1.0 Algebra I<br>○ 1.0 Geometry<br>○ 1.0 Math Elective | 3 |
| Science<br>○ 1.0 Physical, Earth, or Space Science<br>○ 1.0 Biology<br>○ 1.0 Science Elective | 3 |
| Social Studies<br>○ 1.0 World History<br>○ 1.0 US History<br>○ 0.5 Modern US History<br>○ 0.5 American Government | 3 |
| PE<br>○ 0.5 PE<br>○ 0.5 Health | 1 |
| Fine Arts | 1 |
| STEM Elective<br>○ 1.0 Advanced Math or Science or Application Level CTE course | 1 |
| Financial Literacy | 0.5 |
| Electives driven by IPS (emphasis on CTE) | 4.5 |
| **TOTAL** | **21** |

**Key:**

- **Already in place by USD 261**
- **Will be added for the class of 2028**

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**In Addition:**

**FAFSA Requirements**:

Current guidance as of today (2/13/24) is as follows:

- The intent of the new graduation requirements, beginning with the class of 2028 (current 8th graders), is for each student to complete the FAFSA prior to graduation.
- Any student or family can opt a student out of completing the FAFSA.

**Post-Secondary Assets**:

Students must acquire a minimum of two post-secondary assets before graduating. Districts will need to track students' acquisition of post-secondary assets. Districts will also need to keep tracking students' acquisition of post-secondary assets once the minimum is met.

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| Youth Apprenticeships | SAT score (1200 or higher) |
| 40 or more Community Service hours | Completing Board of Regents Curriculum |
| Client-centered Projects | International Baccalaureate Exam (4+) |
| Workplace learning experience directly related to IPS | Advanced Placement Exam (3+) |
| Industry-Recognized Certifications | CTE Scholar |
| Seal of Biliteracy | Eagle Scout of Gold Scout |
| ACT Composite (Score of 21 or higher) | 4-H Kansas Key Award |
| WorkKeys Level (Silver or higher) | Two or more high school athletics/activities |
| 9+ College hours | JROTC |
| State Assessment scores of 3 or 4 for Math, ELA, Science (demonstrating College Readiness) | 90% attendance in high school |
| ASVAB per requirements of military branch selected | Senior Exit Interview/Senior Projects |