

Great Falls School District

INSTRUCTION

2410

High School Graduation Requirements

The Board of Trustees shall award a high school diploma to every student enrolled in the District who meets the requirements of graduation established by the District and the Office of Public Instruction as outlined in 10.55.904-906 ARM and §20-7-1330, MCA. The official transcript will indicate the specific courses taken and level of achievement.

The Board of Trustees shall establish graduation requirements which, as a minimum, satisfy those established by the Board of Public Education (10.55.904, 905 & 906, ARM and §20-7-1330, MCA). Generally, any change in graduation requirements promulgated by the Board of Education will become effective for the next class to enter ninth (9th) grade. Exceptions to this general rule may be made where it is determined by the Board of Trustees that the proposed change in graduation requirements will not have a negative effect on students already in grades nine through twelve (9-12). The Board of Trustees shall approve graduation requirements as recommended by the Superintendent.

To graduate from Great Falls Public Schools, a student must have satisfactorily completed the last quarter prior to graduation as a Great Falls Public School student. Variances of this policy may be considered by the principal.

The Board grants the Superintendent or designee the authority to waive specific course requirements beyond the minimum expectation set by the State of Montana based on individual student needs and performance levels. Waiver requests shall also be considered with respect to age, maturity, interest, and aspirations of the students and shall be in consultation with the parents or guardians. In addition, the Superintendent or designee can determine that a student may be given credit for a course satisfactorily completed in a period of time shorter or longer than normally required and, provided that the course meets the District's curriculum and assessment requirements, which are aligned with the content standards stated in the education program.

A student may be denied participation in graduation ceremonies in accordance with § 20-5-201(3), MCA. In such instances the diploma will be awarded after the official ceremony has been held.

Cross References:

Policy 1005FE	Proficiency Based Learning
Policy 2333	Participation in Commencement Exercises
Policy 2410R	Publication of Graduation Requirements
Policy 2600	Work Based Learning
Policy 3125	Homeless Students
Policy 3310	Student Discipline

Legal Reference:

§ 20-1-102, MCA	Legislative Goals for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
§ 20-3-322(3), MCA	Meetings and Quorum
§ 20-5-201, MCA	Duties and Sanctions
§ 20-7-1330, MCA	Graduation Requirements for Youth who Experience Disruption In
	Education – Legislative Intent
10.55.904, ARM	Basic Education Program Offerings - High School
10.55.905, ARM	Graduation Requirements
10.55.906, ARM	High School Credit

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