AR-6146 (a)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

General Graduation Requirements include successful completion of the 24-credit Standard Diploma (*see Board Policy 6146*) and 8 semesters of coursework. Up to two semesters of coursework may be waived for students wishing to graduate early. To be a candidate for early graduation, a student must have 17 credits earned by the first day of their third year of high school. Students must still obtain the 24 credits necessary for graduation. Student early graduation requests must be submitted to the school board by the end of the first quarter grading period in the school year from which they intend to graduate early. High School credits earned in middle school can apply to high school graduation requirements.

A student must meet the General Graduation Requirements. Students may choose one of the following credit requirements. A **Standard Diploma** (*see Board Policy 6146*) meets the General Graduation Requirements. An **Advanced Diploma** (*see Board Policy 6146*) requires a minimum of twenty-eight (28) credits to be completed before graduation, with a minimum GPA of 3.7.

English/Language Arts requires 4 credits.
Science requirements for the Standard Diploma requires a minimum of three (3) credits of high school level science, to include at least one course with hands-on labs: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, etc. The Advanced Diploma requires four (4) credits of high school science.

Social Studies: All high school students must earn a .5 credit of Alaska Studies and a .5 credit of American Government. To earn a Standard Diploma, students must earn an additional 2 credits of Social Studies credits: US History, World History, Economics, etc. for a total of 3 credits. Students earning an Advanced Diploma must earn an additional 3 credits of Social Studies, for a total of 4 credits.

Mathematics requires a minimum of three courses for a Standard Diploma. To receive Advanced Diploma, students must have four courses at or above the level of Algebra I.

Fine Arts: To earn a Standard Diploma, students must complete one credit of Fine Arts: Music, Art, Practical and Creative Arts, Foreign Language, etc. Students earning an Advanced Diploma must earn two credits in Fine Arts.

Physical Education: All students must earn a minimum of .5 credit. A .5 credit can be earned for participating and finishing a complete season of a Wrangell High School sanctioned sport for a total of .5 physical education credit. Students earning an Advanced Diploma must earn one credit in Physical Education.

AR-6146 (b)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Health: All students must earn a .5 credit of health or physical health (i.e. P.E. with concentration on lifelong health.

*Teachers may submit additional courses for approval to the Curriculum Committee.

Wrangell School District believes that students should take charge of their own education and explore and develop their personal academic/artistic interests. To facilitate this belief, Wrangell students are encouraged to develop their own independent coursework. Except under unusual circumstances approved by the building administrator, these courses will earn elective credit. (*See Exhibit 6146).*

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