

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must successfully complete the courses required by the board and Iowa Department of Education in order to graduate.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure that students complete grades one through twelve and that high school students complete 48 credits prior to graduation. The following credits will be required:

### Science

Biology	2 credits
Science Electives	4 credits

### Language Arts

English I	2 credits
English II	2 credits
English III	2 credits
Writing/Communication Electives	2 credits

### Social Studies

American History	2 credits
Government	2 credits
Electives	2 credits

### Mathematics

Electives	6 credits
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Workplace Readiness/Financial Literacy 2 credits

Physical Education 4 credits

The balance of the required 48 credits shall be from elective courses (16 additional credit).

Physical education is required each semester the student is in attendance unless the student is medically excused, is excused pursuant to a religious exemption, or unless the student has a conflict with an academic class not otherwise available. The minimum total of all credit hours required for graduation will not be reduced by any reduction of required physical education credits.

The required courses of study will be reviewed by the board annually.

Prior to graduation, the district will advise students on how to successfully complete the free application for federal student aid.

Graduation requirements for special education students will include successful completion of four years of English, three years of math, three years of social studies, and three years of science.

Students who are placed in the alternative program will earn an Ogden High School Diploma with a designation on their transcript which reads "Alternate Program Completed." The diploma will require 36 credits: 8 credits Language Arts (including English I, English II, English III), 6 credits Mathematics (including Algebra I), 6 Credits Science (including Biology, Physical Science, Earth & Space Science), 6 credits Social Science (including US History and Government), 4 credits Physical Education, and 6 credits elective coursework.

Students who transfer into Ogden High School from non-accredited educational programs, including "home school", will be required to earn 48 Ogden High School credits, as designated by board policy, to be eligible for an Ogden diploma. Some of these credits may be earned by performance testing for credit.

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Students who complete a regular session in the Legislative Page Program of the general assembly at the state capitol will be credited ½ credit of social studies.

Students enrolled in junior officers' training corp will receive 1/8<sup>th</sup> physical education credit for each semester the student is enrolled in the program.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 256.7, 11, .41; 279.8; 279.61; 280.3, .14  
281 I.A.C. 12.3(5); 12.5

Cross Reference: 603.3 Special Education

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