

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (Beginning with the class of 2025)

Students must successfully complete the courses required by the board and the Iowa Department of Education in order to graduate. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure that student's complete grades one through twelve and that high school students complete 52 credits prior to graduation. The following credits will be required:

English	8 credits
Social Studies	6 credits
Mathematics	6 credits
Science	6 credits
Business Education	1 credit
Physical Education	2 credits
Electives	23 credits

29 required credits plus 23 electives = 52 credits  
(One credit equals one semester of coursework)

#### All students are required to successfully complete

United States History	2 credits
United States Government	1 credit
Communications	1 credit
Personal Finance	1 credit
English 1	2 credits
English 2	2 credits
Biology	2 credits
Earth Science	2 credits
Physical Science	2 credits
Physical Education (1.0 credit per semester)	2 credits (4 full years)

\*Physical Education is required by law except for students with a medical excuse or by meeting the requirements of Section 256.11(5)(g) of the Code of Iowa

#### Physical Science Required Course Options

Students must take coursework in both chemistry and physics to graduate. Students must choose at least one Chemistry course **and** one Physics course.

<b>Chemistry Courses</b>	<b>Physics Courses</b>
Physical Science (C) – Semester Long	Physical Science (P) – Semester Long
Chemistry – Year Long	Physics – Year Long

A student must attend high school four years (exception with board approval) or more, and be registered for a minimum of seven academic courses at all times, plus physical education, unless otherwise approved by administration. Extra courses may be taken for educational enrichment.

Successful driver education participants may earn only ½ semester credit for the course.

Beginning with the class of 2022, 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 complete a regular session in the Legislative Page Program of the general assembly at the state capitol will be credited with ½ credit of social studies.

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

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.

Middle school students who enroll in high school level courses will be awarded high school credit upon receiving a passing grade for the course. The grade will be published on his/her high school transcript, but the grade will not be counted towards his/her high school GPA.

LEGAL REF.: Iowa Code §§ 256.11; 279.8; 280.3; 280.14  
281 I.A.C. 12.2; 12.5; 41.12(6)(e).

CROSS REF.: 505 Student Scholastic Achievement  
603.3 Special Education

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