

DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy Manual

345.6

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The successful completion of twenty-six (26) credits shall be required for graduation from Dodgeland High School and shall include the following:

1. Four credits of English including one credit in Language Skills, one credit in Communications, one credit in American Literature, and one credit in electives. Writing composition shall be addressed in multiple classes.
2. Three credits of Social Studies including one credit in U.S. History, one credit in World History, one-half credit in Civics, and one-half credit in Social Studies elective. Students must take and pass the civics exam.
3. Three credits of Science including one credit in Biological Science and one credit in a Physical Science. Up to one credit may be a qualified agriculture course or career and technical education course.
4. Three credits of Mathematics including one credit in Algebra and one credit in Geometry. Up to one credit may be a qualified science course or career and technical education course.
5. One and one-half credits of Physical Education including Physical Education 9, Physical Education 10, and Life Activities or Personal Fitness taken in either grade 11 or 12. Each course earns one-half credit.
6. One-half credit of Health earned through a one semester health class.
7. One-half credit of Personal Financial Management or Foundations of Economics in grades 11 or 12, beginning with the class of 2018.
8. Ten and one-half additional elective credits selected by the student in grades 9-12.

A student who has not met the above credit requirements may be eligible for a diploma if he/she is enrolled in an approved alternative education program and has demonstrated a level of proficiency in English, social studies, mathematics, physical education and health education equivalent to the proficiency that a student would have attained if he/she had completed the credit requirements. Credits earned in other schools or educational programs shall be evaluated by the High School Principal in accordance with established District procedures.

The awarding of high school credit for a course shall be grounded in the student receiving a passing grade in the course as determined by the teacher and shall be based on the student's academic performance.

A student must be enrolled in seven classes or participating in a board approved activity during each class period of each school day while attending high school in order to receive a diploma. Students shall also be enrolled in a high school program for eight semesters, except as otherwise provided.

Educational programs may be provided to accommodate students with exceptional educational interests, needs or requirements including, but not limited to students with disabilities, transfer students, gifted

and talented students, English language learners, and at-risk students. Accommodations shall be provided in accordance with state laws and regulations and established District procedures.

To receive a high school diploma, a special education student must complete the graduation requirements as outlined in their IEP. A “high school certificate” may be awarded to those special education students who do not or cannot meet the DodgeLand School District graduation requirements.

Accommodations for students with disabilities shall be included in the student’s individualized educational program (IEP). Programs to accommodate all other students with exceptional educational interests, needs or requirements shall be defined in each student’s academic program plan and approved by the state superintendent.

The high school principal shall be responsible for ensuring that students meet the requirements necessary for high school graduation. Graduation requirements and student progress towards meeting the requirements shall be communicated to students and parents/guardians on a timely basis and in accordance with state law and regulations.

LEGAL REF: Sections 115.787 Wisconsin Statutes
 115.915
 118.13
 118.153
 118.30
 118.33
 118.52(3)(d)2
 118.55
 120.12(17)
 120.13(37)
 121.02(1)(p)
PI 18, Wisconsin Administrative Code
PI 40

CROSS REF: 342.1, Programs for Students with Disabilities
 342.2, Homebound Instruction
 342.4, Programs for Children at Risk
 342.6, Alternate School Programs
 342.7, Programs for English Language Learners
 343.42, Youth Options Program
 345.1, Grading Systems
 345.61, Early Graduation
 411, Equal Educational Opportunities
 420, School Admissions
 425, Public School Open Enrollment
 431, Compulsory School Attendance
 434, Release Time for Students
 Special Education Handbook

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