

## 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 for graduation:

English/Language Arts	8 credits
Science	6 credits
Mathematics	6 credits
Social Studies	6 credits
Electives	<u>22 credits</u>
Total	48 credits

Below are required courses (included in credits above) to graduate:

Physical Education	8 semesters
American Government	1 credit
American History	2 credits
Personal Finance	1 credit

All physically able students will be required to participate in the physical education program for a minimum of one hour per week during each semester they are enrolled unless they are excused by the principal of their attendance center.

Students who will not participate in physical education must have a written request or statement from their parents/guardians. See board policy 505.5E1 for more information.

A pupil is not required to enroll in either physical education or health courses if the pupil's parent or guardian files a written statement with the school principal that the course conflicts with the pupil's religious beliefs.

1. Additional Bondurant-Farrar requirements are:
  - a. English: eight credits to include English 9, 10, 11; or AP Literature & Composition or AP Language & Composition;
  - b. Mathematics: six credits to include Algebra I;
  - c. Science: six credits to include Physics & The Universe, Biology, and Chemistry/Chemistry Concepts
  - d. Social Studies: six credits to include American History, World History/Geography, Social Sciences, and American Government.
  - e. Physical Education: 8 semesters
  - f. Health: one credit

Students in grades 9-11 must carry a minimum of six (6) academic subjects plus PE. Seniors must carry a minimum of five (5) academic subjects plus PE. Courses taken under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act will be allowed as per Senior Year Plus and Iowa Department of Education rules and regulations.

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 be in accordance with the prescribed course of study as described in their Individualized Education Program (IEP). Requirements will include successful completion of four (4) years of English, three (3) years of math, three (3) years of social studies and three (3) 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 1 credit for Government class (semester class). Participation also excuses the student from their physical education requirement.

Students enrolled in a junior officers' training corp will receive 1/8th 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: 505 Student Scholastic Achievement  
603.3 Special Education

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