

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS 2013-2014

The number of units students must earn to be eligible for high school graduation is to be earned from the following categories. A minimum of 22 units is required for graduation for students participating in either the Smart Core or Core curriculum. There are some distinctions made between Smart Core units and Graduation units. Not all units earned toward graduation necessarily apply to Smart Core requirements.

Unless exempted by a student's IEP, all students must successfully pass all end-of-course (EOC) assessments they are required to take or meet the remediation required for EOC assessment to receive academic credit for the applicable course and be eligible to graduate from high school.

SMART CORE: Sixteen (16) units

English: four (4) units— 9th , 10th , 11th and 12th

Oral Communications: one-half (1/2) unit (1/2 year)

Mathematics: four (4) units (all students under Smart Core must take a mathematics course in grade 11 or 12 and complete Algebra II).

- Algebra I or Algebra A & B* which may be taken in grades 7-8, 8-9 or 9
- Geometry or Investigating Geometry or Geometry A & B, which may be taken in 8-9, or 9-10

A two- year algebra equivalent or a two-year Geometry equivalent may each be counted as two units of the four-unit requirement for the purpose of meeting the **graduation** requirement, but only serve as one unit each toward fulfilling the **Smart Core** requirement.

- Algebra II
- Choice of Transitions to College Math, Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry, AP Calculus, Algebra III (Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable)

Natural Science: three (3) units with lab experience chosen from

- Physical Science (required beginning with the graduating class of 2011)
- Biology or Applied Biology/Chemistry
- Chemistry
- Physics or Principles of Technology I & II or PIC Physics

Social Studies: three (3) units

- Civics or Civics/American Government
- World History

- American History/AP U.S. History

Physical Education: one-half (1/2) unit

Note: While one-half (1/2) unit is required for graduation, no more than one (1) unit may be applied toward fulfilling the necessary units to graduate.

Health and Safety: one-half (1/2) unit

Fine Arts: one-half (1/2) unit

Career Focus: Six (6) units – at least two of the Career Focus units must be of the same foreign language.

All career focus unit requirements shall be established through guidance and counseling based on the student's contemplated work aspirations. Career focus courses shall conform to the curriculum policy of the District and reflect state curriculum frameworks through course sequencing and career course concentrations where appropriate.

The Smart Core and career focus units must total at least twenty-two (22) units to graduate

CORE: Sixteen (16) units

English: four (4) units– 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th

Oral Communications: one-half (1/2) unit

Mathematics: four (4) units

- Algebra or its equivalent* - 1 unit
- Geometry or its equivalent* - 1 unit
- Algebraic Connections
- All math units must build on the base of algebra and geometry knowledge and skills.
- (Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable)

*A two-year algebra equivalent or a two-year geometry equivalent may each be counted as two units of the four (4) unit requirement.

Science: three (3) units

- At least one (1) unit of Biology or it's equivalent
- One (1) unit of a Physical Science (required beginning with the graduation class of 2011).

Social Studies: three (3) units

- Civics or government – one half (1/2) unit
- World History – one (1) unit
- American History/U.S. History – one (1) unit

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