

Dietrich School District No. 314

2700P

INSTRUCTION

High School Graduation Requirements

Publication of Graduation Requirements

Prior to registering for high school, each student will be provided with a copy of the current graduation requirements. Graduation requirements shall also be included in the student handbook.

Credits

Students shall be expected to earn a total of 50 semester credits in order to complete graduation requirements. Special education students who have successfully completed their IEP leading to completion of high school will be awarded a diploma.

Secondary Language Arts and Communication		9 credits
English (language study, composition, literature)	8 credits	
Oral and written communications		1 credit
Mathematics		6 credits*
Algebra I (or meets Algebra I standards)	2 credits	
Geometry (or meets Geometry standards)	2 credits	
Secondary Mathematics of the student's choice	2 credits	
<p>*(2 credits must be taken in the last year of high school in which the student intends to graduate. For the purposes of this procedure, the last year of high school shall include the summer preceding the fall start of classes. Students who return to school during the summer or the following fall of the next year for less than a full schedule of courses due to failing to pass a course other than math are not required to retake a math course as long as they have earned six (6) credits of high school level mathematics.)</p>		
Science		
Secondary Science		6 credits*
*(Biology, and Physical Science or Chemistry required)		
Social Studies		5 credits
US Government	2 credits	
US History	2 credits	
Economics	1 credit	

Arts and Humanities
credits

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Foreign Language, World History, Philosophy, Architecture, Music,
Art, Drama

Health/Wellness	1 credit*
*(For students who enter 9 th grade in Fall 2015 or later, each student shall receive a minimum of 1 class period on psychomotor cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training as outlined in the American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines for CPR to include the proper utilization of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) as part of the Health/Wellness course. Additionally, Students participating in one season in any sport recognized by the Idaho High School Activities Association or club sport recognized by the local school district, or 18 weeks of a sport recognized by the local school district may choose to substitute participation up to one credit of physical education.)	
Physical Education	2 credits
Computer Courses	2 credits
Elective Courses	17 credits

Middle School Credit

If a middle school student completes any required high school course with a grade of C or higher before entering the 9th grade, and if that course meets the same standards that are required in high school and the course is taught by a teacher certified to teach high school content then the student has met the high school content area requirement for such course. The student shall be given a grade for the successful completion of that course and such grade and the number of credit hours assigned to the course shall be transferred to the student's high school transcript and the student's parent or guardian shall be notified in advance when credits are going to be transcribed. However, the student's parent or guardian may elect to not have the credits and grade transferred to the student's high school transcript. The student still must complete the required number of credits in all high school core subjects identified above in addition to the courses completed in middle school, unless the student is a participant in the 8 in 6 Program.

College Entrance Examination

A student must take one of the following college entrance or placement examinations before the end of the student's eleventh grade year: COMPASS, ACT, or SAT.

A student may elect an exemption in their eleventh (11th) grade year from the college entrance exam requirement if the student is:

1. Enrolled in a special education program and has an Individual Education Plan that specifies accommodations not allowed for a reportable score on the approved tests; or
2. Enrolled in a Limited English Proficient program for three (3) academic years or less;

3. Enrolled for the first time in grade twelve (12) at an Idaho high school after the spring statewide administration of the college entrance exam; or
4. Eligible to take an alternative assessment. In this case the student may instead take the ACCUPLACER placement exam during their senior year.

A student who misses the statewide administration of the college exam during the student's eleventh (11th) grade year may instead take the examination during his or her twelfth (12th) grade year if the student:

1. Transferred to an Idaho school district during his or her eleventh (11th) grade year;
2. Was homeschooled during his or her eleventh (11th) grade year; or
3. Missed the spring statewide administration of the college entrance exam for a documented medical reason.

Senior Project

A student shall complete a senior project that includes a research paper and oral/video presentation by the end of grade twelve (12).

Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)

In addition to obtaining the necessary credits as outlined above, a student will take the Idaho Student Achievement Test (ISAT) as defined by State Board of Education rules.

Civics Test

Beginning with the class of 2017, all secondary students must successfully pass the civics test or alternate path. "Civics test" as used herein means the 100 questions used by officers of the United States citizenship and immigration services as a basis for selecting the questions posed to applicants for naturalization.

The District will determine the method and manner in which to administer the civics test. A student may take the civics test, in whole or in part, at any time after enrolling in grade 7 and may repeat the test as often as necessary to pass the test. The District will document on the student's transcript that the student has passed the civics test.

The applicability of this requirement for students who receive special education services will be governed by the student's Individualized Education Plan.

Waiver of Requirement

Graduation requirements generally will not be waived under any circumstances. However, in rare and unique hardship circumstances, the Principal may recommend and the Superintendent may approve minor deviation from the graduation requirements.

Alternative Programs

Credit toward graduation requirements may be granted for planned learning experiences from accredited programs, such as summer school, university courses, correspondence courses, and online/virtual courses.

All classes attempted at Dietrich High School and all acceptable transfer credits shall be recorded on the transcript. All grades earned, including failures and retakes, shall be recorded as such and utilized in the calculation of Grade Point Average and class rank. Credit shall be awarded only once regardless of repetition of the course.

Honor Roll

1. For the first semester, a student must have a grade point average of 3.25 or better in both grading periods to qualify for the first semester honor roll activity or recognition. An "F" grade in any class, regardless of qualifying GPA, will disqualify a student for the honor roll activity or recognition.
2. For the second semester, a student must have a grade point average of 3.25 or better in the third grading period to qualify for the second semester honor roll activity or recognition. An "F" grade in any class, regardless of qualifying GPA, will disqualify a student for the honor roll activity or recognition activity at the end of the year.

Class Rank (Grade Point Average)

Class Rank is compiled from semester grades.

Early Graduation

A student who completes all of the graduation requirements set forth by the District and the State Department of Education prior to the completion of eight semesters of school attendance in grades 9-12 may petition the Superintendent and Board for early graduation by submitting such a petition to the Superintendent through the principal. The Superintendent shall submit the petition to the Board for endorsement and approval at the end of the quarter preceding the requested graduation date.

The Superintendent is authorized to create any procedures necessary to assist students to achieve early graduation as well create incentives for participation in any early graduation program. Existing programs providing incentives to complete coursework early are described in Policy 2435 Advanced Opportunities

Cross Reference: 2435 Advanced Opportunities

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-4601, *et seq.* Advanced Opportunities

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Middle Level Credit System

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