

Grading and Graduation Requirements for Browning High School

Information regarding graduation

No student will be permitted to graduate from Browning High School unless he/she has completed the course requirements prescribed by District #9 Board of Trustees and meets the prescribed course of study for the State of Montana. All graduation requirements must be completed 48 hours prior to the graduation day and certified by the high school principal in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Effective with the graduating class of 2016, all students will enter Browning High School on a "Distinguished Diploma" track; students must opt out in order to graduate according to the "Foundational Diploma" track requirements.

At minimum, all students will have met the basic graduation requirements as specified in A.R.M. 10.55.905. Under special circumstances, the Principal may recommend modification to local graduation requirements to the District Superintendent. The Superintendent will have the authority to approve or deny the recommendation. In accordance with A.R.M. 10.55.906 (3), the Superintendent will then make the recommendation to the local board of trustees to accept the waiver.

Graduation

The graduation ceremony is an activity of the Board of Trustees to honor graduating seniors from Browning High School each year.

- a. The superintendent of school shall set the date for the graduation ceremony each year.*
- b. Only students who have met all credit requirements, both state and local, may be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies.*
- c. The Board of Trustees may deny any student the honor of participating in graduation ceremonies for infractions of federal, state, or local laws, district policies or school rules.*
- d. All graduation requirements must be completed forty-eight (48) hours prior to and approved by the high school principal before a student is allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.*

Prior to March 13th:

Regular school day or Night school

Graduation Requirements Policy #4500

Foundational 20.5 credits

Distinguished 24.5 credits

Portfolio

20 documented Community Service hours

Grading & GPA

A, B, C, D, F, I based on class expectations

Regular contact with Teachers, Counselors and support staff

Consistent Internet and Device Access

Data Evidence

- 96 Seniors with 6 not being able to graduate 54 of the eligible were not passing a required class to graduate currently

Juniors

Sophomores

Freshmen

March 16-27, 2020 (2 weeks)

- Global Pandemic
- Governor declares Montana Schools Closed: essential duties - food and planning
- Reservation Shut Down
- Contacting families to Identify Access to Internet or Device
- Plans for At home learning crafted and rolled out March 26, 2020 via Online platform and packets for those identified or not contacted (around 70 students)
- Devices distributed March 26, 2020 (service around 20)
- March Activities cancelled

March 30-April 10, 2020 (2 weeks)

- Governor extended Montana Schools shutdown: essential duties - food and at home learning
- Tribe issues stay at home order
- Governor issues stay at home order
- Updated internet and device access and not contacted (60 students)
- 11 jet packs distributed to BHS families
- Packets distributed (service around 7)
- Packets mailed home
- Staff meetings yield information ranging from 0% to 70% with average of below 50% homework being turned in or students interacting via google classroom.
- More requests for jet packs due to lack of service or accessibility from iphones to google classroom
- April Activities cancelled with May Activities tentative
- Tribe postpones NAID & HBSC celebrations for July and August

April 13-24, 2020 (2 weeks)

- Governor extended Montana School shutdown: essential duties - food and at home learning
- Tribe issues stay at home order
- Governor issues stay at home order
- Packets mailed

Concerns:

- Lack of contact with all students

- Presenting new material in an unfair or inequitable classroom due to lack of access
- Social Emotional needs due to the pandemic
- Students helping with household duties
- Requirements that jeopardize student safety and well-being
- Students who are able to turn in work or who are close to or have completed requirements (underclass and Senior)
- Seniors and their rite of passage for graduation, portfolio presentation, senior banquet & awards
- Underclassmen rite of passage for awards day
- “Students just being finished”

Proposal: For the remaining 6-7 weeks only

Postpone Prom indefinitely for BHS

- Having this linger out there creates stress as to when it may or may not happen

National Honor Society Inductions

- May 6-Virtual Induction using google hangout with immediate family only
- Pins, card, and award will be mailed out to students

Graduation

- May 24 1pm
- Virtual Celebration or Parade around town, & campus

Seniors

- **Graduation Requirements**
 - Waive requirement of credits to the state requirement of 20
 - Waive requirement of portfolio presentation and make it optional with a virtual platform that could count for another core class grade.
 - Waive community service hours.

State of Montana Graduation Requirements A school district can establish its own requirements for graduation. The minimum graduation requirements are established by the Montana Board of Public Education and are found in ARM 10.55.905. A student has to complete a minimum of 20 credits in order to receive a Montana high school diploma with 13 credits in the following courses:

- 4 credits of English language arts;
- 2 credits of mathematics;
- 2 credits of social studies;
- 2 credits of science;
- 1 credits of health enhancement, with ½ credit each year for two years;
- 1 credit of arts;
- 1 credit of vocational/technical education;

- *7 credits of electives*

- **Grades**
 - Final grades would be midterm-any work turned in after could only improve their grade. Make up work would be allowed to be turned in until the end of the regular semester.
 - Final exams would not be mandatory and could only improve grades.
 - New Assignments would be logged as extra credit
 - GPA would be based on final grades.

- **Senior Awards & Banquet**
 - Awards would be announced out in an online video ceremony and awards mailed out.

- **Graduation May 24 1pm**
 - Proposed is to have a parade with only graduates and immediate family shown in a public online video ceremony.
 - Opportunities for immediate families only to take pictures in a designated decorated spot preferably outdoors, one family at a time.
 - Define immediate family and have strict guidelines as to not encourage congregation.

Junior, Sophomore, Freshman

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- Final exams would not be mandatory and could only improve grades.
- New Assignments would be logged as extra credit
- GPA would be based on final grades
- Awards would be announced out in an online video ceremony and awards mailed out.