HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BP 6146.1(a)

Note: Transfer students who have earned 13 unit credits in another district may, at the district's discretion, be excused from the district's subject area units-of-credit requirements. 4 AAC 06.075.

Note: The following sample policy reflects the minimum graduation requirements specified in 4 AAC 06.075 and should be revised to reflect district philosophy and needs. Unless otherwise stated in a student's IEP, the district shall require all students in grade 11, and all students in grade 12 who have not previously done so, to take a college and career readiness assessment described in 4 AAC 06.717. However, failure to take one of these assessments shall not be grounds for withholding a diploma from an otherwise qualified student. At the request of a student, the district shall retroactively issue a high school diploma to a student who did not receive one because of failure to pass all or a portion of the previously required High School Graduation Qualifying Exam and instead received a certificate of achievement, provided the person takes a college and career readiness assessment. AS 14.03.075. A person may satisfy the assessment pursuant to the regulations in 4 AAC 06.718. The district is to mail a notice of this option to each such student who qualifies for a diploma to the student's last known address.

Note: For students who enter grade nine on or after July 1, 2027, they must complete the comparative government and civics education assessment(s) set forth in AS 14.03.076. The District shall utilize the curricula provided by DEED to provide these assessments. To receive a diploma, a student must meet the requirements of AS 14.03.076(c) unless: 1) they transferred into the District after completing grade 10 at a school in another state, 2) received alternative instruction as set forth in AS 14.03.076(d)(2), or 3) is a student with a disability who receives a waiver from the School Board. The District shall affix a seal of civic readiness, as developed by DEED, to the transcript and diploma of a student who has attained a high proficiency in the above.

The School Board intends that all District students graduate high school ready for college or a career. The Superintendent or designee shall prepare for School Board approval a plan consisting of district graduation requirements. Students shall receive diplomas of graduation from high school only after meeting the following district graduation requirements, as well as taking a college and career readiness assessment or receiving a waiver from the School Board.

Subject	Units of Credit	
Language Arts	4	
Social Studies	3*	
Mathematics	~~2~~	~~- For students graduating from high school **on or before June 30, 2017**.~~
Mathematics	3	- For students graduating from high school **on or after July 1, 2017**
Science	2	
Health/Physical Education	1	
Electives	~~9~~ 8	- For students graduating from high school on or after July 1, 2030

*Note: The three units of credit in social studies must include one-half unit of credit in Alaska history or demonstration that the student meets the Alaska history performance standards. This requirement will not apply to a student who (1) transfers into your school after the student's second year of high school; or (2) has already successfully completed a high school state history course in another state. 4 AAC 06.075.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance and Counseling Services)
(cf. 6146.3 - Competency Testing)
(cf. 6184 - Virtual/Online Courses)

Legal Reference

ALASKA STATUTES
14.03.075 College and career readiness assessment; retroactive issuance of diploma
14.03.076 Comparative government and civics education and assessments requirement

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
4 AAC 06.075 High school graduation requirements
4 AAC 06.717 College and career readiness assessments
4 AAC 06.718 College and career readiness assessment after student received a certificate of achievement
4 AAC 06.721 College and career readiness assessment waivers
4 AAC 06.755-790 State wide assessment program for students with disabilities

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