BP 6146.1 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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.

The School Board intends that all District students graduate high school ready for college or a career. The Superintendent or designee shall prepare for 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 successful completion of any required high school competency examination:

Alaska State High School Diploma

Subject	Units of Credit
Language Arts	4
Social Studies	3*
Mathematics	3
Science	2
Electives	8
Health/Physical Education	1

Total Credits to Graduate -21

*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.

Metlakatla High School Diploma Credit Requirements

To earn a Metlakatla High School Diploma a student must show a level of academic skill and work ethic. This diploma is rigorous and sets the standard of students being prepared for entry level careers and college programs. The credits are outlined below.

Subject	Units of Credit
Language Arts	4
Social Studies	3.5
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Health	.5
Physical Education	1.5
Vocational/Fine Arts	1.5
Electives	6.5

Total Credits to Graduate -23.5

Metlakatla High School Advanced Diplomas Credit Requirements

To earn an advanced diploma a student must show a high level of academic skill and work ethic. The advanced diploma is aligned with the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) and is an honor awarded to students who go above and beyond in their academic studies and take rigorous courses. To receive an advanced diploma a student will need to receive a grade point average of at least 3.5 and complete a minimum of 27 credits. The credits are outlined below.

Subject	Units of Credit
Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Health	.5
Vocational/Fine Arts	2.5
Social Studies	4
Science	4

Physical Education	1.5
Electives	6

Total Credits to Graduate -27

Note: It is recommended that the following course sequences be followed:

- ***Social Studies:*** Alaska History 9th grade, US History 10th grade, World Geography/History 11th grade, and Government/Economics 12th grade.
- ***Science:*** Physical Science 9th grade and Marine Biology 10th grade, Chemistry or Computer Coding 11th, 12th Advance Marine Biology
- ***Math:*** Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Financial Literacy
- ***English:*** English I, English II, American Literature & British Literature

(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 Secondary pupil competency testing

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* waivers

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