

# **Education Programs**

# **Graduation Requirements**

### I. Purpose

This policy sets forth requirements for graduation from the school district.

# II. General Statement of Policy

The school district's policy is that all students will fulfill applicable state required assessments as well as satisfactorily complete all course requirements and, as determined by the district and as established by the school board, in order to receive a diploma. All students who meet the above requirements will be considered a graduate of Edina High School for purposes of ceremony, diploma, and transcript.

#### III. Definitions

- A. "Course credit" is equivalent to a student's successful completion of a semester of study or a student's mastery of the applicable subject matter, as determined by the school district and as identified annually in district course registration catalogs.
- B. "Individualized Education Program" or "IEP" means a written statement developed for a student eligible by law for special education and services.
- C. "Academic standard" means: (1) a statewide adopted expectation for student learning in the content areas of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, world language, or the arts, or (2) a locally adopted expectation for student learning in health, the arts, or career and technical education.

#### IV. Test Administrator

The Director of Teaching and Learning is the school district test administrator and in charge of all test procedures.

### V. Graduation Requirements

Students must fulfill state graduation requirements and successfully complete high school level courses, as determined by the school district, to graduate from Edina Public Schools. District requirements are articulated in Appendix I.

# VI. Requirements to Participate in Graduation Ceremony

- A. The high school graduation ceremony is the commencement event provided to students, families, and community by the school district. A high school senior with the who has attained the required course credits will be allowed to participate in the ceremony. The high school principal or designee will present a list of seniors to receive a diploma from Edina Public Schools to the school board for its approval prior to the ceremony.
- B. The district reserves the right to not allow a student to participate in or attend the graduation ceremony for inappropriate behavior. Inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to destroying or damaging property, disrupting the school day or activities, or engaging in disrespectful behavior toward fellow students or district employees.
- C. The district will not charge fees for rental or purchase of caps, gowns, or diplomas.

# VII. Early Graduation

As provided for by Minn. Stat. § 120B.07, students may be considered for early graduation, upon meeting the following conditions:

- A. All course or standards and credit requirements must be met;
- B. All test requirements or higher guidelines have been satisfied;
- C. The principal or designee has conducted an interview with the student and parent or guardian, familiarized the parties with opportunities available in post-secondary education, and supports the early graduation request.
- D. The principal's decision will be in writing and is subject to approval by the superintendent and school board.

### Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota's Students)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.021 (Required Academic Standards)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.023 (Benchmarks)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.024 (Graduation Requirements; Course Credits)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.07 (Early Graduation)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)

Minn. Rules Chapter 3501

# 20 U.S.C. § 6301, et seq. (Every Student Succeeds Act)

Cross References:

Policy 601 (Academic Standards and Instructional Curriculum)

Policy 614 (School District Testing Plan)

Policy 616 (School District System Accountability)

Policy 624 (Online Learning)

Policy INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273

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# Appendix I to Policy 613

### EDINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

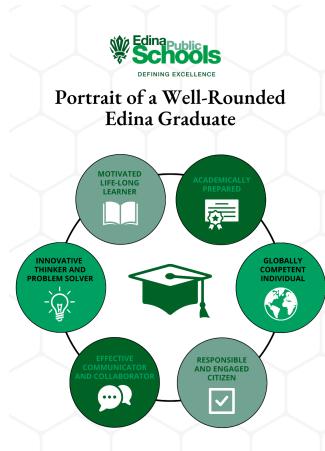
- I. Graduation Requirements
  - A. All students are subject to the following assessment requirements, unless the parents/guardians opt out in writing:
    - 1. Must participate in the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments ("MCAs") in reading, math, and science
    - 2. Must have had an opportunity to complete the ACT in Grade 11.
  - B. All students must complete the Minnesota Academic Standards as developed by the Minnesota Department of Education:
    - 1. Minnesota Academic Standards, Language Arts K-12;
    - 2. Minnesota Academic Standards, Mathematics K-12;
    - 3. Minnesota Academic Standards, Science K-12;
    - 4. Minnesota Academic Standards, Social Studies K-12;
    - 5. Minnesota Academic Standards, Arts K-12;
  - C. Additionally, all students must demonstrate their understanding of the following local academic standards:
    - 1. School District Standards, Health K-12;
    - 2. School District Standards, Physical Education K-12
    - 3. School District Standards, Career and Technical Education 6-8; and
    - 4. School District Standards, World Languages 6-8
  - D. All students must successfully-complete one of the following:
    - 1. Earn forty-three (43) semester credits, as recorded on the high school transcript.
    - 2. Have met the requirements of the student's IEP; or
    - 3. Have met the requirements of an accredited alternative learning program within the district.
- II. Edina Public Schools Graduation Requirements
  - A. Students must successfully complete, as determined by the school district, the following high school level course semester credits for graduation:
    - 1. Eight (8) semester credits of English Language Arts;

- Six (6) semester credits of mathematics in grades 9-12, encompassing at least algebra, geometry, statistics and probability sufficient to satisfy the academic standard. Students must satisfactorily complete two semester credits of Algebra II or its equivalent; including an Algebra II credit or its equivalent
- 3. Six (6) semester credits of science, including at least two semester credits in biology. Students must also satisfactorily complete two chemistry or two physics semester credits; a minimum of (a) two credits in physical earth science; (b) two credits in biology; (c) two additional credits in physics or chemistry beyond physical earth science
- 4. Seven (7) semester credits of social studies, encompassing at least United States history, government and citizenship, world history, and economics;
- 5. Two (2) semester credits in the visual and/or performing arts;
- 5. Two semester credits in the arts (music, dance, theater, media and visual arts and selected courses)
- 6. One (1) semester credit in health and two (2) semester credits in physical education, of which at least one credit must be taken in grades 910-12;
- 7. Minimum of thirteen eleven semester credits of elective options.

### Appendix II to Policy 613

#### EDINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PORTRAIT OF A WELL-ROUNDED EDINA GRADUATE

The Edina Public Schools Early Learning - 12 course work is designed to develop the following competencies in each and every student.



#### **ACADEMICALLY PREPARED**

- Demonstrates foundational academic knowledge in Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Technology, Engineering, and the Arts.
- Masters and applies standards aligned to challenging and rich curricula.
- Identifies, understands, and solves complex issues.

#### **GLOBALLY COMPETENT INDIVIDUAL**

- Possesses a diverse and informed world perspective, including understandings of world geography, history, economics, social issues, cultures, political structures and environmental conditions.
- · Engages in multiple opportunities to broaden language knowledge and application.
- Embraces the individual and cultural dignity of all people and actively seeks multicultural interactions.

#### **RESPONSIBLE AND ENGAGED CITIZEN**

- Demonstrates a high level of integrity and ethical action.
- Applies knowledge and education for the good of the community.
- Demonstrates empathy, compassion and open-mindedness
- Accepts responsibility for personal choices and actions, including impact on others and learns from mistakes.
- Applies the social-emotional skills of self-awareness and self-management to lead a healthy and well-balanced life.

#### **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR AND COLLABORATOR**

- Communicates effectively as a listener, speaker, writer, and responder through appropriate and timely communication platforms (digital, print, video, and social media).
- Possesses strong social and interpersonal skills, including verbal, nonverbal,
- Works effectively with others in academic and social settings, both as a leader and a contributor.

### INNOVATIVE THINKER AND PROBLEM SOLVER

- Thinks and produces creatively, both collaboratively and independently.
- Demonstrates intellectual curiosity.
- Critically analyzes and evaluates information sources.
  Adapts to changing demands.

#### MOTIVATED LIFE-LONG LEARNER

- Understands personal interests and passions, while valuing continuous learning and seeking opportunities for growth.

- Understands own needs as a learner and advocates appropriately. Persists when faced with challenge or adversity. Actively researches opportunities, sets personal learning goals, makes choices that support long-term aspirations and successful transitions.

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