

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
 Meeting to Be Held: 08/06/2018



- Recognition:** Students Staff Parents
- Information:** Building Report Old Business Superintendent's Report
- Action:** Resignation Hiring Contract Service Agreements
- Travel Out-of-State Travel In State Approvals
- Termination Legal Matters Other:
- This action request pertains to Elementary (only) High School/District Wide

Date: 8/06/18

To: **Browning School Board**
 Members

From: Corrina Guardipee-Hall ED.S.
 Title: Superintendent

Subject: **Amend #4500 Graduation Policy**

Description: The graduation policy that was posted on line had incorrect number of credits. The administration has changed the policy to reflect the correct number of credits.

On page 1, line 18, 19, 20, we have added information regarding the Distinguished Diploma.

Financial Impact: N/A

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): N/A

Attachment(s): Policy #4500

Approval: Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) _____

Comments: _____

Board Action: N/A (Info) Approved Denied Tabled to: _____

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2 **Browning Public Schools**

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4 **Policy # 4500**

5 **Policy Name: Graduation**

6 **Regulation: -----**

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8 Graduation Requirements shall reflect high expectations and appropriate standards. Students graduating from
9 Browning Public Schools will enter society as adults who are prepared to participate actively and knowledgeably
10 as citizens in their community, tribe, state and federal government. Students will graduate with prerequisite skills
11 that allow successful entry into and completion of post-secondary education or vocational training opportunities.
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13 No student will be permitted to graduate from Browning High School unless he/she has completed the course
14 requirements prescribed by District #9 Board of Trustees and meets the prescribed course of study for the State of
15 Montana. All graduation requirements must be completed 48 hours prior to the graduation day and certified by
16 the high school principal in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Effective with the graduating class of
17 2005, 23 credits will be required to graduate. Effective with the graduating class of 2016, all students will enter
18 Browning High School on a “Distinguished Diploma” track; students must opt out, **with signed parent consent,**
19 in order to graduate according to the “Foundational Diploma” track requirements. **You must contact the school**
20 **principal if you wish to opt out of the Distinguished Diploma.**
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22 **Course requirements for graduation from Browning High School:**

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24 **Foundational Diploma**

*Effective Beginning
with Class of 2016*

25	English	4
26	Mathematics	2
27	Science	2
28	Social Studies	3.5
29	World Geography ..	(.5)
30	Blackfeet Studies ...	(.5)
31	(Does not include Blackfeet Language, Song, Dance)	
32	World History	(.5)
33	American History...	(1)
34	Government	(1)
35	Tribal	
36	State	
37	U.S.	
38	Physical Education 2 Semesters	1
39	Health Enhancement	(.5)
40	Fine Arts	1
41	Vocational Practical Arts	1
42	Computer Technology	(.5)
43	Electives	5 (minimum)

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47 **Total Required for Graduation..... ~~21.5~~ 20.5**

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2 **Distinguished Diploma**

3 *Effective Beginning*
4 *with Class of 2018*

5 English.....4
6 Mathematics4
7 Science3
8 Social Studies3.5
9 World Geography(.5)
10 Blackfeet Studies(.5)
11 **(Does not include Blackfeet Language, Song, Dance)**
12 World History(.5)
13 American History.....1
14 Government1
15 Tribal
16 State
17 U.S.
18 Physical Education 2 Semesters 1
19 Health Enhancement (.5)
20 Fine Arts 1
21 Vocational Practical Arts 1
22 Computer Technology 1
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24 College Prep Electives* 2
25 Other Electives 3
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27 **Total Required for Graduation..... 24**

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29 *College Prep Electives can include world language, computer science, music, fine arts, career and technical
30 education, dual-enrollment courses

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32 **Total Required for Graduation**

33 In addition, beginning with the graduating class of 2003 shall be required to satisfactorily engage in a public
34 Senior Portfolio presentation and provide documentation of 20 hours of community service.

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36 **Waiver of Requirements/Academic Variance**

37 The principal will establish an academic variance committee comprised of staff representing both the traditional
38 high school and alternative education program to review all petitions for waiver. This petition will include a
39 detailed request documenting extenuating circumstances that warrant the waiver. It will also include an
40 information packet regarding the student’s school history and performance as documented by a transcript,
41 graduation plan, detailed attendance and enrollment history. This information packet will also include a projected
42 course plan for the remainder of the student’s high school career and a transition plan for the first year beyond
43 high school.

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

- 3 a. All graduating students shall receive diplomas.
4 b. Diplomas may be earned through completing either required credits or criteria identified in an approved IEP.
5 c. Diplomas may be received prior to four (4) years of high school attendance in accordance with District #9
6 Early Graduation Policy which requires the expressed recommendation of the Superintendent and permission
7 of the Board of Trustees.
8 d. The high school principal shall approve of independent study alternative curriculum offerings prior to credit
9 being applied to the core graduation requirements.
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11 **Transfer Student Graduation Requirements**

12 Transfer students must meet the prescribed course of study for the State of Montana and Browning School District
13 #9 in order to graduate. Transfer credits must be congruent with BHS core class requirements as determined by
14 the high school principal.
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16 **Graduation**

17 The graduation ceremony is an activity of the Board of Trustees to honor graduating seniors from Browning High
18 School each year.
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- 20 a. The Superintendent of Schools shall set the date for the graduation ceremony each year.
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22 b. Only students who have met all credit requirements, both state and local, may be allowed to participate in the
23 graduation ceremonies.
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25 c. The Board of Trustees may deny any student the honor of participating in graduation ceremonies for
26 infractions of federal, state, or local laws, district policies or school rules.
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28 d. All graduation requirements must be completed forty-eight (48) hours prior to and approved by the high
29 school principal before a student is allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
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31 **Cross Reference:** #4510 Early Graduation
32 Former Policy #710.4, 710.5, 710.6, 710.7

33 **Legal Reference:** MCA 20-5-201 Graduation Participation Denied
34 MCA 20-1-301 Graduating Seniors Requirement
35 A.R.M. 10.55.905
36 A.R.M. 10.55.906 (3)
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38 **Policy History:**

39 Adopted on: 8/96
40 Revised on: 4/99, 4/26/06, 8/14/07, 1/8/08, 5/29/13, 8/3/15
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