

**COURSE
REQUIREMENTS**

To graduate, a student must complete the courses required by the District in addition to those mandated by the state.

**GRADUATION
PROGRAMS
INSTITUTED PRIOR
TO 2014-15**

Students enrolled in high school prior to the 2014-15 school year may graduate under state programs other than the foundation program, including the Minimum Program, the Recommended Program, and the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program. The courses required for each of these programs shall be listed in appropriate publications. The District credit requirements under these programs are listed below.

MINIMUM PROGRAM

The District requires no additional credits for graduation under the Minimum Program beyond those mandated by the state.

**RECOMMENDED
PROGRAM**

The District requires no additional credits for graduation under the Recommended Program beyond those mandated by the state.

**ADVANCED /
DISTINGUISHED
ACHIEVEMENT
PROGRAM**

The District requires no additional credits for graduation under the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program beyond those mandated by the state.

**READING
CREDITS**

The District shall offer up to 3 credits of reading for state graduation credit. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for establishing procedures to assess individual student needs and evaluate student progress and shall monitor instructional activities to ensure that student needs are met. Students shall be identified as eligible to earn reading credit based on:

1. Recommendation by a teacher or counselor.
2. Scores on assessment instruments and/or achievement tests.

**FOUNDATION
PROGRAM**

The courses that satisfy District requirements under the foundation program, including courses for the distinguished level of achievement and courses for endorsements offered by the District, shall be listed in appropriate District publications.

**WITHOUT AN
ENDORSEMENT**

The District requires no additional credits beyond the number mandated by the state to graduate under the foundation program without an endorsement. Graduation under the foundation program without an endorsement shall be permitted only as authorized under state law and rules.

**WITH AN
ENDORSEMENT**

The District requires no additional credits beyond the number mandated by the state to graduate under the foundation program with an endorsement.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
GRADUATION

EIF
(LOCAL)

**DISTINGUISHED
LEVEL OF
ACHIEVEMENT**

The District requires no additional credits beyond the number mandated by the state to graduate under the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.

**NO FINE ARTS
SUBSTITUTIONS**

The District shall not award state graduation credit in fine arts for participation in a community-based fine arts program.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
SUBSTITUTIONS

To the extent permitted by state rules applicable to the student's graduation program, ~~the~~ District shall award state graduation credit in physical education for participation in approved activities and elective courses. ~~allow students to substitute certain physical activities for the required credits of physical education. Such substitution shall be based on the physical activity involved in the courses listed for this purpose in state rules. [See EIF(LEGAL)]~~

**ACTIVITIES AND
COURSES**

~~OTHER PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY~~**PRIVATE OR
COMMERCIAL
PROGRAMS**

The District shall award state graduation credit in physical education for appropriate private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs conducted either on or off campus, upon approval by the Commissioner of Education. [See also EHAC]