

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: 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 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. ~~A student must meet or exceed the minimum credits required for each content area in order to be eligible for graduation and receive a diploma.~~

By the end of the first quarter of a student's freshman year, a team composed of the Lead Teacher, parents, students, and staff will meet to create an Educational Plan. The Educational Plan will identify student goals and a timeline to ensure graduation will be met by May 1st of the graduation year. The primary teacher and the student will review the Educational Plan annually. During the student's senior year, the plan will be reviewed quarterly with the Lead Teacher and student. Parents will be notified if the student is not on track for a timely graduation at the point the child falls behind schedule. Only required courses are listed in each content area.

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Language Arts English 9, 10, 11, & 12 – 1 credit each	4 credits
Social Studies U.S. History – 1 credit World History – 1 credit Civics/Government - .5 credits Alaska History - .5 credits * substitutes acceptable for incoming 11th & 12th graders	3 credits
Math Algebra 1 – 1 credit	3.5 credits
Science	3 credits
Work Skills Careers & Portfolio - .5 credits	0.5 credits
Physical Education	1 credit
Health	1 credit
Electives Strong recommendation to take at least one credit of World Language	8 credits

*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

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

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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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