

School District of River Falls
Educational Program Committee meeting

Monday, December 14, 2020 - 5:30 PM

River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

Agendas can be viewed at <https://www.rfsd.k12.wi.us/district/school-board.cfm> or at <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1447>

1. **CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 p.m. in the River Falls High School Media Center**

2. **MANNER OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING**

3. **HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS**

4. **Review and discussion of district version for all high school graduates to include: College and Career Readiness, academics and graduation credit requirements, and social-emotional health support**

Description: Kit Luedtke, River Falls HS Principal and staff will present additional details regarding current work being done at the high school to support student's academic, social-emotional, and college and career readiness preparation. Information will present plans for ongoing and future student support systems at all levels, anticipated components of a student portfolio, and details focused on social-emotional supports. (Presentation link)

Recommended Action: None, information only.

5. **Approve first reading of revisions to Board policies 345.6 Graduation Requirements and 345.6-Rule Graduation Requirements. Recommended administrative changes include, but not limited to, a revision of the graduation credit requirements from 30 to 28 and provide students with the option to take either Intro to Economics or Personal Finance as an elective requirement.** 2

Description: District administration will present revisions to board policies 345.6 Graduation Requirements and 345.6-Rule Graduation Requirements for approval.

Recommended Action:

- 1 Approve first reading of revisions to board policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements.
2. Approve first reading of revisions to board policy 345.6-Rule Graduation Requirement Guidelines.

6. **Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)**

Description: Board members will be given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas.

Recommended Action: As needed.

7. **Schedule next Board/Committee meetings**

Description: Upcoming committee meeting dates, times, and locations will be reviewed.

Recommended Action: Set meeting schedule as follows:

Educational Program Committee meeting, Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road.

8. **ADJOURN**

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RIVER FALLS
River Falls, Wisconsin 54022

345.6

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A District high school diploma signifies successful completion of all state and Board of Education requirements. A district diploma represents a minimum standard of achievement and is used as a symbol of graduation.

In order to earn a high school diploma in the School District of River Falls, students must satisfy the following requirements.

1. To earn a regular high school diploma, the student must earn at least **30 28** credits at River Falls High School as determined by the School District of River Falls. It is the desire of the School Board that all students have the opportunity and support to achieve a regular high school diploma from the School District of River Falls.
- ~~2. Under rare occasions there are unique circumstances whereby a student may apply for a basic skills diploma. To earn a basic skills diploma, the student must earn at least 23.5 credits through the Renaissance Charter Alternative Academy or River Falls High School and demonstrate a level of proficiency in subjects equivalent to that which he/she would have attained if he/she had satisfied the requirements of state law. Students not meeting the requirements of a regular high school diploma must apply to earn a basic skills diploma and obtain administrative approval.~~

2. Under certain circumstances, students may request a graduation requirement modification in consultation with the School Counselor and Administrative approval. This may either be a credit reduction modification or request for early graduation.

- ~~3. The student must be enrolled in a class or participate in a Board-approved activity or must be enrolled in an alternative education program for each class period of each school day during the high school grades.~~

3.4. The student must attend high school or an accepted alternative program for a minimum of 14 full terms.

Alternative educational programs for high school graduation may be provided to accommodate students with exceptional educational needs, interests and requirements. Such alternative education programs shall be established in accordance with state law requirements.

The building principal shall be responsible for determining student eligibility for graduation. A student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be notified as soon as possible if it appears that the student will not meet the requirements of this policy by the end of his/her eighth semester of high school. The Board shall grant a high school diploma to a student upon recommendation of the building principal and Superintendent.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.33 Wisconsin Statutes
121.02(1)(p)
PI 18, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 345.6-Rule, Graduation Requirement Guidelines
345.1, Grading Systems
345.61, Early Graduation
345.62, Graduation Exercises
422.1, Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

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345.6-Rule

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT GUIDELINE

A. River Falls High School and Renaissance Academy Credit Requirements for Graduation

Requirements to earn a regular diploma in the River Falls School District for students at River Falls High School and Renaissance Charter Academy include:

Students must earn at least ~~30~~ **28** course credits for graduation, including:

English	4.0 credits*
<i>*Must include .5 credits in Speech</i>	
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits*
<i>*A minimum of 1.0 credit must be earned in both Biological and Physical Science.</i>	
Social Studies	3.5 credits
*A minimum of .5 credits must be earned in either Introduction to Economics or Personal Finance.	
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Health	0.5 credits

~~In addition to the above required credits, the student must earn a minimum of 14.5~~ **12.5** credits in elective coursework. Beginning with the graduating class of 2017, ~~a~~ **All** students must successfully meet the Civics exam requirement established by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Specific coursework is outlined in the River Falls High School's **Course Academic and Career** Planning Guide and the Renaissance Academy Graduation Requirement Checklist Sheet.

Students completing the coursework specified above at River Falls High School or the Renaissance Academy will earn a regular high school diploma from the River Falls School District.

B. ~~GEDO General Education Option #2~~ Requirements

- ~~1. Students must attend school at least 15 hours per week in order to be eligible to participate in the required tests.~~
- ~~2. Study materials must be completed by the student, prior to testing, at the Renaissance Charter Academy.~~
- ~~3. Tests must be taken at a Chippewa Valley Technical College approved site.~~
- ~~4. Additional coursework must be successfully completed in addition to the GED-tested materials.~~
- ~~5. Students must work for at least 15 hours per week while they are in the program.~~

~~Students need to provide a pay stub to verify the nature and duration of their work placement, unless they have express permission from the school administration.~~

~~6. Students who complete these requirements and successfully pass the required testing will receive an alternative diploma from the School District of River Falls.~~

~~G. Basic Skills Program Specific Credit and Proficiency Requirements~~

~~Requirements to earn a Basic Skills Diploma from the School District of River Falls include:~~

~~Students must earn at least 23.5 course credits for graduation which include 15 core academic credits and a minimum of 8.5 **7.0** elective credits. Specific requirements include:~~

English	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Social Studies	3.0 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Health	0.5 credits
Technology	1.0 credits (required elective credit)
Careers	0.5 credits (required elective credit)

~~In addition to the above required credits, the student must earn a minimum of 7.0 credits in elective coursework.~~

~~Specific coursework is outlined in the Renaissance Knight Academy's Graduation Requirement Check**list** Sheet. Students seeking to earn a Basic Skills Diploma must complete a Basic Skills Diploma Application.~~

B.D. Awarding Course Credit

Credits which count towards graduation begin accumulating during ninth grade. A student must attain a grade of "D-" or higher, or a "P" in order to receive credit for a course.

C. E. Make Up of Required Courses

1. River Falls High School:

A student who fails a required course at River Falls High School shall have **an** one opportunity to retake the class during the school day if there is room in the class. A student shall also have the option to make up the class in evening school, summer school or through an approved correspondence course. A student who wishes to retake a class during the regular school day may do so according to the procedures outlined in the Student Handbook.

2. Renaissance Charter Alternative Academy:

If the student fails the class a second time during the regular school day, the class must be made up in evening school, summer school or through an approved correspondence course.

A student who does not complete or needs to repeat a class will do so in summer school or the following school year.

D.F. Minimum Class Load

All River Falls High School students and Renaissance Charter Alternative Academy students ~~other than those participating in the basic skills diploma program~~ are required to take a minimum **credit load of at least 7.0 credits per year.** ~~of four classes each term or eight credits each school year. All modified student schedules must receive administrative and board approval.~~

G. ~~Approved High School Activities~~

~~Students must have been enrolled in a class or must have participated in a Board-approved activity or must have been enrolled in an alternative education program for each class period of each school day during the high school grades.~~

E. H. Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Individualized educational programs for high school graduation may be provided to accommodate students with disabilities. Students who successfully complete the goals and required credits identified in their individualized educational program shall be issued a diploma.

F. t. Foreign Exchange Students

At the time of his/her registration, a foreign exchange student may request to graduate with a District high school diploma. A student making such a request must provide a formal transcript from his/her home school at the time of registration. An interpretation of credits shall be completed by the guidance counselor and approved by the building principal. A "P" grade shall be listed for all courses passed and completed at his/her home school.

To receive a high school diploma, the student must meet all graduation requirements. At the end of the first semester, the student's academic performance shall be reviewed to determine the student's continued eligibility for a District high school diploma.

CROSS REF: 345.6 Graduation Requirements
Basic Skills Diploma Application
Modified Course Request
Early Graduation Application
Academic & Career Planning Guide
Renaissance Academy Graduation Requirement Checklist

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