

611.07 Graduation Requirements

Friday, August 11, 2023

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Pupils will be placed by the school principal and staff, in cooperation with the parents or guardians, at a grade level to which they are best adjusted academically, socially, and emotionally. The final decision for the placement of pupils shall lie with the school principal.

Graduation will be made on the recommendations of the superintendent of schools and the school principal. Students must have attended Banner County High School his or her senior year and passed all subjects required for graduation. Any exceptions to this policy or requests for special consideration will be decided by the school principal and superintendent of schools, who will communicate the rationale and final decision to the board of education. A total of 260 credits are required for graduation. Physical education will be waived only upon a physician's recommendation.

Students who have an Individual Education Program must meet standards established by that program for classification and graduation.

Graduation requirements are as follow:

English 40 Credits to include 10 credits in each of the following: English I, English II, English III

Math 30 Credits to include 10 credits in each of the following: Algebra, Geometry

Science 30 Credits to include 10 credits in each of the following: Physical Science,

Biology

Social Studies 30 Credits to include 10 credits in each of the following: American History,

American Government

PE & Health 10 Credits: PE 5 Credits, Health 5 Credits

Personal Finance 5 Credits

Computer Science 5 Credits

TOTAL 260 Credits

Transfer Students entering the district after their freshman years who have difficulty meeting graduation requirements because of class conflicts or course sequence problems will be addressed on an individual basis.

IDEA Considerations

Graduating with a regular high school diploma or reaching the maximum age of eligibility both result in

termination of a student's eligibility for Special Education (IDEA) services.

Procedurally, the student's

Individualized Education Program (IEP) team must meet to review the student's status and issue the

appropriate coding for the student, specifically 210 or 211 as described in the ADVISER Data Elements

Manual, a reasonable time before the student's eligibility is terminated. These meetings may be held via the

telephone or through a virtual platform (e.g. Zoom, Google, etc.) and should include the student (if

possible). The school district must also provide the student with a summary of performance prior to

graduation or ending services because of age.

IEP teams may have already provided a Notice of Graduation or Notice of Ending Services Due to Age to

certain students. As this is an issue of IDEA eligibility, the Nebraska Department of

Education recommends

that school districts make every effort to complete these steps in a timely manner.

Requirements Related to American Civics (Nebraska Revised Statute 79-724)

Ensure that the social studies curriculum in the district incorporates one or more of the following for each

student:

(i) Administration of a written test that is identical to the entire civics portion of the naturalization

test used by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services prior to the completion of

eighth grade and again prior to the completion of twelfth grade with the individual score from

each test for each student made available to a parent or guardian of such student; or

(ii) Attendance or participation between the commencement of eighth grade and completion of

twelfth grade in a meeting of a public body as defined by section 84-1409 followed by the

completion of a project or paper in which each student demonstrates or discusses the personal

learning experience of such student related to such attendance or participation; or

(iii) Completion of a project or paper and a class presentation between the commencement of

eighth grade and the completion of twelfth grade on a person or persons or an event commemorated by a holiday listed in subdivision (6) of §79-724 or on a topic related to such

person or persons or event.

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