

Instruction

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from high school, unless otherwise exempted, each student is responsible for:

1. Completing all District graduation requirements that are in addition to the State requirements.
2. Completing all courses as provided in The School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-22, according to the year in which a student entered the 9th grade.
3. Completing all minimum requirements for graduation as specified by Illinois State Board of Education rule, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.440.
4. Passing an examination on patriotism and principles of representative government, proper use of the flag, methods of voting and the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Taking the Prairie State Achievement Examination, unless the student is exempt according to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64.

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for:

1. Maintaining a description of all course offerings that comply with the above graduation requirements.
2. Notifying students and their Parents/guardians of graduation requirements.
3. Developing the criteria #4 above.
4. Complying with State law requirements for students who transfer during their senior year because their parent(s)/guardian(s) are on active military duty. This includes making reasonable adjustments to ensure graduation if possible, or efforts to ensure that the original (transferor) school district issues the student a diploma.
5. Taking all other actions to implement this policy.

Students who do not meet state standards on the PSAE during their junior year will be required to take Skills Lab classes during their senior year in order to graduate. Semester credit will be given for successful completion of Skills Lab Classes.

The graduation requirements below apply to all North Boone High School students.

One (1) credit shall be earned for the successful completion of a course meeting for one (1) class period per school day for one (1) school year.

Students who are deficient in credits for graduation will NOT be allowed to participate in the graduation activities.

Starting with the class of 2013, students will be required to complete forty (40) hours of community service (10 hours per year attending North Boone High School) prior to graduation. In extreme circumstances, an individual may request a full or partial waiver of this requirement by the Superintendent.

Early Graduation

Students may graduate prior to the completion of grade twelve if the course work required for graduation under this policy has been fulfilled. In such cases, the student must have the approval of the Superintendent and the Principal.

Students who graduate early have the right to participate in graduation activities and attend the prom.

Students who graduate early are considered to be “not currently enrolled” students and therefore will not be allowed to participate in the senior class trip.

Students planning to graduate at mid-term should notify the guidance counselor by the end of the first quarter to facilitate planning.

The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures for students to graduate early, provided they finish seven (7) semesters of high school and meet all graduation requirements.

Certificate of Completion

A student with a disability who has an individualized education program prescribing special education, transition planning, transition services, or related services beyond the student's 4 years of high school, qualifies for a certificate of completion after the student has completed 4 years of high school. The student is encouraged to participate in the graduation ceremony of his or her high school graduation class. The Superintendent or designee shall provide timely written notice of this requirement to children with disabilities and their parent/guardians.

Veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict

Upon application, an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict will be awarded a diploma, provided that he or she: (1) resided within an area currently within the District at the time he or she left high school, (2) left high school before graduating in order to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, and (3) has not received a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) diploma.

Semester Test Exemption

Seniors who meet or exceeded state standards on the PSAE exam taken during their junior year will be exempt from taking final exams at the end of the first semester.

Seniors will not be required to take final exams for second semester.

Students will have the option to take the exams either semester if they feel taking an exam will improve their grade. If an exam is taken, then the regular grading procedures will apply. If a final exam is not taken, the quarter grades will each count 50% toward the semester grade in that class.

Dual Credit

Courses taken through a college program (Rock Valley College, Beloit College Porter Scholars, etc.) with the approval of the Principal may be substituted for some high school courses, i.e., dual credit courses. The students requesting dual credit will have the class grade count in his/her overall cumulative grade point average.

Credits earned in the subject areas of English, Mathematics, Physical and Life Sciences, Foreign Language and Social and Behavioral Sciences may be weighted the same as an honors/advanced placement level North Boone course, with the prior approval of the Principal. College level courses that are at least 100 level are the only classes that will be considered for this option.

Graduation Requirements for the Graduation Class of 2010 and Later

A. A total of twenty-four (24) credits are required for graduation.

4.0 Credits	Language Arts/English - 1 Credit in each: English 9, English 10, and English 11 with a 4th credit optional within the English Department's offerings. Two years of writing intensive courses, one of which must be English and the other of which may be English or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.
3.0 Credits	Mathematics – 1 credit in Algebra I and one must include geometry content. If the student passes Algebra I in 8 th grade, it will not need to be repeated in High School.
3.0 Credits	Science - 1 credit in Biology
2.5 Credits	Social Studies - 1 credit must be in History of the United States, 1/2 credit in American Government, and 1/2 credit in World Geography (Beginning with the Class of 2007 and thereafter, Required - 1 credit must be in History of U.S., ½ credit in American Government and 1 credit in World Cultures)
1.0 Credits	Humanities or Vocational Education - Includes: Band, Choir, Art, Foreign Language, Home Economics, Industrial Technology, Business, Agriculture
0.5 Credit	Consumer Education
0.5 Credit	Health
0.5 Credit	Driver Education (If Driver Education is not completed in school, another elective is necessary)
3.5 Credit	Physical Education (Health will substitute for 1 semester of P.E.) Exceptions to this are in Board policy 6:310, "Physical Education". Students graduating early may have this requirement waived.
0.5 Credit	Computer Education
<u>5.0 Credit</u>	<u>Electives</u>
24.0 Credits	

B. Requirements for Honors Diploma Program -- Total twenty-six (26) credits; (at least two (2) AP courses or Honors courses with a grade of "C" or higher) and a 3.5 GPA or higher are required to graduate with an Honors Diploma. In addition to the above listed 24 credits, the following credits are needed:

- 3.0 Credits - Math (Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II are required. If the student passes Algebra I in 8th grade, it will not need to be repeated in High School.)
- 3.0 Credits - Science (Biology and Chemistry required)
- 3.0 Credits - Social Studies
- 2.0 Credits - Foreign Language

C. Requirements for an Alternative High School diploma. This diploma will not be issued to students enrolled at North Boone High School. This is for alternatively placed students.

- 3.0 Credits English
- 3.0 Credits Mathematics

3.0 Credits	Science
3.0 Credits	Social Studies – Broken down as follows: • .5 credit for Government, including the state/federal constitution tests • 1 credit for United States History • 1.5 credits for any other social studies classes
0.5 Credit	Consumer Education
0.5 Credit	Health
2.0 Credit	Physical Education
5.0 Credit	Work Study plus Electives
20.0 Credits	

LEGAL REF.: 105ILCS 5/2-3.64, 5/22-27, 5-27-3, 5/27-22, 5/27-22.10 and 70/.
Ill.Admin.Code §1.440.

CROSS REF. 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 6:310 (Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions), 7:260 (Exemption from Physical Activity)

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