

Student Personnel

Series 500

Policy Title: Graduation Requirements

Code No. 505.5

1. Four (4) years of high school attendance including grades 9-12.
- ~~2. Forty-two (42) credits of academic work for a basic diploma (requires committee approval)~~
- ~~3.2. Fifty-eight (58)~~ **Fifty (50)** credits of academic work for a regular diploma.
- ~~4.3.~~ Sixty-six (66) credits of academic work for an honors diploma (beginning with class of 2018)
- ~~3.4.~~ The ~~Fifty-eight (58)~~ **Fifty (50)** credits must include the following:

Class of 2013 and Beyond

Health	1 credit
Language Arts	8 credits
Mathematics	6 credits
Science	6 credits
Social Studies	6 credits
# * Physical Education	2 credits
Financial Literacy	1 credit (Beginning with Class of 2015)
Elective Courses	28 20 credits
Total	58 50 credits

~~* Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, one (1) trimester of Physical Education will be counted as one-half (1/2) credit.~~

See Policy 603.6 for possible exemptions.

4. Required subjects include:
 - a. One (1) credit of 9th grade Health
 - b. Two (2) credits of 9th grade English
 - c. Two (2) credits of 9th grade Mathematics
 - d. Three (3) credits of 9th grade Science
 - e. Two (2) credits of 10th grade English
 - f. Two (2) credits of American History in 10th grade unless taken as a 9th grader
 - g. Two (2) credits of World History as a junior unless taken earlier
 - h. Two (2) credits of American Government/Economics as a senior
 - i. One (1) credit of Speech
 - j. One (1) credit of Financial Literacy (Personal Math)
 - k. Two (2) credits of Physical Education. Additional trimesters of Physical Education taken beyond the required two credits will count toward elective credit. A maximum of two (2) elective credits in Physical Education can be accumulated.

5. Further credits must include:
 - ~~***~~ a. Three (3) credits in Science taken as a sophomore, junior, or senior
 - b. Four (4) credits in Language Arts to be taken as a sophomore, junior, or senior, and which must be selected from the Language Arts electives
 - c. Thirty-one (31) credits to be selected by the student in accordance with personal aims and interests. (Students who have opted out of P.E. will be required to take sufficient extra credits to give them ~~58~~ **50** total credits.)

- ~~***~~ In recognition of the strong component of applied Science that exists in other courses, one, and only one, credit of the Science requirement may be satisfied by taking two trimesters of the following combination of courses: Agronomy, Animal Science, Conservation and Natural Resources, Horticulture, or Aquaculture.

This credit cannot be used in place of Physical Science or Biology/Life Science.

Student must declare prior to the start of the trimester whether he/she is taking these courses for elective or required credit.

- NOTE:
1. No credits are accepted unless earned from a school accredited by the Iowa Department of Education (unless specifically approved by the Greene County Board of Education).
 2. Credit earned in Driver Education is not counted toward the ~~Fifty-eight (58)~~ **Fifty (50)** credit requirements for graduation.
 3. A student must carry five (5) subjects to be enrolled.
 4. A diploma from this school will be granted only if a student is enrolled here prior to the last nine weeks of his/her senior year (unless approved by the Greene County Board of Education).
 5. A course or courses may not be used to satisfy graduation requirements in more than one area. (i.e. if one (1) year of Vocational Agriculture II is used to meet one (1) credit of Science requirement, then it may only meet one (1) credit of the elective requirements.)
 6. Any class that is congruent with our College Preparatory curriculum may be accepted for High School credit regardless of the student's age when the course is taken, or the location of the course provided it was taken at or through an accredited institution. Examples are: Algebra taken in 8th grade, Advanced Placement courses, and college courses taken by high school students.
 7. **At least five (5) elective credits used to meet graduation requirements must come from courses other than Vocal Music and Instrumental Music.**

~~Beginning with the class of 2022,~~ Graduation requirements for special education students will include successful completion of four years of English, three years of math, three years of social studies and three years of science.

8th Grade Students failing more than one core class will be registered for 9th Grade IJAG as a Freshman.

Credit Completion through Component Based Recovery (complete portions of a course to earn full course credit instead of retaking the entire course) will be available to all high school students. To qualify for Component Based Recovery, students have to have completed a minimum of 50% of the work. Students will have two additional trimesters to complete the credit.

A system requiring students to identify how they meet Portrait of a Graduate attributes will be put in place beginning with the class of 2026.

Date of Adoption:
January 8, 2014

Legal References (Code of Iowa):

Date Amended:
November 18, 2019

Related Administrative Rules and Regulations:

Date Reviewed:
~~October 21, 2020~~ **February 16, 2022**

Process for Basic Diploma Application

- ~~1) Application completed and submitted.~~
- ~~2) Approval must be given by a committee made up of, but not limited to:
 - ~~a. Building Principal~~
 - ~~b. High School Guidance Counselor~~
 - ~~c. Parent/Guardian if student is under 18~~
 - ~~d. District Mental Health Counselor~~
 - ~~e. School board member~~
 - ~~f. Teacher representative assigned by principal~~
 - ~~g. Alternative Program Facilitator~~~~

Example reasons for basic diploma approval

*~~*not limited to~~*

- ~~–Transferred into district therefore behind on credits~~
- ~~–Future loss of residence (parents get kick out 18)~~
- ~~–Need to support self or others with full time employment~~
- ~~–Pregnancy/childcare difficulties~~
- ~~–Academic struggles early in high school career~~
- ~~–Lack of family support~~

~~Application for Greene County Basic Diploma~~

Date _____

Name _____

Anticipated class of _____ Date of Birth _____

Parents'/Guardians' Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

In the space below state ~~the reason a basic diploma is desired.~~

In the space below state ~~your post-graduation plans.~~

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Administrator's Signature _____ Date _____

School Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____

Credit Status Sheet

Name _____ 42 Credits (12 elective and 30 required)

Graduation Year _____

English Credits = 8

1. English I A or R 180 _____

2. English I B or R 180 _____

3. English II A or R 180 _____

4. English II B or R 180 _____

5. Public Speaking _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Social Studies Credits = 6

1. American History A _____

2. American History B _____

3. World History A _____

4. World History B _____

5. Government A _____

6. Government B _____

Science Credits = 6

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Math Credits = 6

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

One science credit may be satisfied by taking two trimesters of the following combination of courses:
Agronomy, Animal Science, Conservation and Natural Resources, Horticulture or Aquaculture.

Financial Literacy = 1

1. _____

PE Credits = 2 (.5 credit per trimester)

9th 1st Tri _____ 2nd Tri _____ 3rd Tri _____

10th 1st Tri _____ 2nd Tri _____ 3rd Tri _____

11th 1st Tri _____ 2nd Tri _____ 3rd Tri _____

12th 1st Tri _____ 2nd Tri _____ 3rd Tri _____

Health Credits = 1

1. _____

Elective Credits = 12

1. _____

Total Credits Earned

Credit Placement

T1 T2 T3

2. _____ 9th _____ 10th _____ 11th _____ 12th _____ 0 10.00

_____ 10.50 20.50

3. _____ 21.00 31.00

_____ 31.50 42.00

4. _____ 7. _____ 10. _____
5. _____ 8. _____ 11. _____
6. _____ 9. _____ 12. _____
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Notes

Credit Status Sheet

Name _____
 Graduation Year _____

58 50 Credits (28 20 elective and 30 required)
66 Credits (completion of cores and honors criteria)

English Credits = 8

1. English I A or R 180 _____
2. English I B or R 180 _____
3. English II A or R 180 _____
4. English II B or R 180 _____
5. Public Speaking _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Social Studies Credits = 6

1. American History A _____
2. American History B _____
3. World History A _____
4. World History B _____
5. Government A _____
6. Government B _____

Math Credits = 6

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Science Credits = 6

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1. _____

Health Credits = 1

1. _____

PE Credits = 2 (.5 credit per trimester)

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| 9 th | 1 st Tri | _____ | 2 nd Tri | _____ | 3 rd Tri | _____ |
| 10 th | 1 st Tri | _____ | 2 nd Tri | _____ | 3 rd Tri | _____ |
| 11 th | 1 st Tri | _____ | 2 nd Tri | _____ | 3 rd Tri | _____ |
| 12 th | 1 st Tri | _____ | 2 nd Tri | _____ | 3 rd Tri | _____ |

Elective Credits = 28

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Total Credits Earned

	T1	T2	T3
9th	_____	_____	_____
10th	_____	_____	_____
11th	_____	_____	_____

Credit Placement

58 50 Credit	66 Credit
0-14.50 12.00	0-16.50
15.00-29.50	17.00-32.50
12.50 – 25.00	
30.00-44.50	33.00-49.50
25.50 – 38.00	

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HONORS CRITERIA

66 credits: YES NO **D/F's:** YES NO **GPA 3.5:** YES NO

3 Core Department credits 7 & 8:

Core Department _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

Core Department _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

Core Department _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

Six credits (3 years) of single foreign language:

Language: SPANISH FRENCH Year 1 _____ Year 2 _____ Year 3 _____

Seven College/AP Classes (3 core):

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

5. (C) _____ 6. (C) _____ 7. (C) _____

Twelve CTE/Fine Arts credits:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

9. _____ 10. _____ 11. _____ 12. _____

****Upper level classes:**

Math-Pre-Calc/Trig, Calculus, AP Calc/Statistics

English-Comp I, Comp II, Intro to Lit, Am. Lit, AP Lit courses

Social Studies-Intro to Psych, Devel Psych, AP Am History, AP Government, ICCS SS

Science-Physics, AP Physics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry

