

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students shall receive diplomas of graduation from high school only after meeting the following graduation requirements:

Subject	Units of Credit
Language Arts	4
Social Studies	3
(.5 required to be in US Gov't; .5 required to be in AK History)	
Mathematics	3
Required for 2015 graduation: One credit must be from Algebra I OR Geometry * (Freshman class beginning Fall 2011)	
Required for 2019 graduation: One credit must be from Algebra I AND one credit must be from Geometry (Freshman class beginning Fall 2015)	
Science	3
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Electives	7
Total Required: 22 credits	

Note: The requirement for a .5 unit of AK History becomes effective for students graduating in 2009 and later.

Students must also meet the requirements for passing the Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exam.

Students must complete at least six (6) semesters of high school attendance in order to qualify for graduation. Students who meet all the district and state graduation requirements but have completed less than eight (8) semesters of high school attendance must submit a letter of endorsement signed by the student's parent/guardian to the site administrator in order to qualify for graduation.

The site administrator and school counselor shall regularly inform high school students and parents/guardians of current student status and progress toward attaining graduation credits by use of report cards, student profiles, parent conferences and other means as appropriate.

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Quarter Credits

One-quarter (1/4) credit for the physical education requirement may be earned for each full season of participation in interscholastic sports, provided a coach is a certified teacher. The student's participation must include attendance for at least 90% of the season's

scheduled practices and games. The total credit earned shall not exceed 0.5 credits. This credit shall be awarded as a "pass" and shall not be included

in the calculation of the student's GPA. The "Verification of Interscholastic Sports Credit" form must be submitted to the Student Records Office during the school year of participation. If the student has already earned a full credit in physical education, no additional credit shall be awarded.

Quarter credits shall be given only for elective classes, for interscholastic sports participation as described above, and for transfer students, when approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Credit from Universities or Correspondence Programs

Students may earn district high school graduation credit(s) by taking courses from an accredited college or from a correspondence program.

Credit(s) earned through an institution outside the North Slope Borough School District and applied towards graduation from a school within the North Slope Borough School District must meet or exceed standards set by courses offered through the North Slope Borough School District's regular program.

Students must receive a C or better on courses taken from a postsecondary institution or a correspondence program for the credit(s) to be applied towards graduation from the North Slope Borough School District. Students are responsible for providing the district with an official transcript reflecting the postsecondary grade.

Students considering taking courses through a postsecondary institution or a correspondence program are encouraged to consult with their school counselor.

The site administrator and the Superintendent or his/her designee must grant approval for credit(s) earned from an institution outside of the North Slope Borough School District for the credit(s) earned to fulfill District requirements for graduation.

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Payment by, or reimbursement from, the North Slope Borough School District for course credit costs may be possible when the class is initiated by the School District or agreed to by the Site Principal and the Superintendent or his/her designee. Any District authorization for payment of courses taken from an institution “outside” of the North Slope Borough School District must be in writing and have the signature of the Site Principal and the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Alternative Credit

Students with senior (12th grade) status may earn district high school graduation credit in elective subjects for alternative coursework, with pre-approval of the site administrator. A maximum of two (2) alternative credits may be accumulated toward the total elective requirement for graduation.

- (cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)*
- (cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)*
- (cf. 6146.3 - Competency Testing)*
- (cf. 6146.4 - Reciprocity on Graduation Requirements)*
- (cf. 6164.2 - Guidance and Counseling Services)*

Legal Reference:

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