

To graduate from Highland High School a student must successfully complete the course work required by the Highland Board of Trustees at the time the student began the ninth (9th) grade. This course work is found in the student handbook approved by the Trustees annually, and becomes a part of this policy upon approval by the Trustees.

If a student fails a required course, an educational plan will be developed with the student, parents, teachers, counselors, and administration. This plan will specify how the student will make up the failing grade. Teachers are required to notify students, parents, counselor, and principal when a student is failing in the fourth quarter of his/her senior year.

Students who have not completed all of the requirements for graduation will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies with their peers. They will be given a diploma when the requirements are completed. Students will wear black and/or gold robes for graduation ceremonies. Foreign exchange students may participate in the graduation ceremonies although they may not be receiving a diploma.

Courses completed through any other accredited institution will be honored by Highland High School as credits toward graduation. It is the student's responsibility to provide a transcript of the course(s) taken, and the name and address of the institution from which the course was taken. The Highland High School administration will verify whether the institution is accredited and by whom.

Honors at Graduation

The Valedictorian will be the student(s) with the highest overall GPA and the Salutatorian will be the student(s) with the next highest GPA; GPAs will be calculated to the nearest thousandth. Students must be enrolled at Highland in the sixth and seventh semesters before graduation. Exceptions will be addressed on a case by case basis.

To be eligible to be Valedictorian or Salutatorian, a student must earn at least six credits in the following upper division courses during their high school years: Algebra II, Algebra III, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, other advanced mathematics or computer science courses, Chemistry, Physics, Zoology, Honors English, Dual Credit or AP classes through an accredited program recognized by the Idaho Department of Education. Other advanced courses may be considered. These honors will be based on a four-point grading system.

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