

All students graduating from this school district will meet this state's and this district's graduation requirements.

IDAHO STATE STANDARDS FOR GRADUATION

The State Board of Education has established that all students graduating from an Idaho public high school must meet the following requirements:

1. Local Achievement Standards. A student must successfully meet locally established subject area achievement standards, demonstrated through various measures of accountability, including, but not limited to, examinations. The local standards must meet or exceed the standard set by the state.
2. Course Credit and CORE Instruction, effective for all students that enter 9th grade in the fall of 2009 or later.
 - a. Secondary Language Arts and Communications—Nine (9) credits required.
 - (1) Eight (8) credits, Four (4) years of English are required;
 - (2) One (1) credit, One (1) semester of speech, oral communication, debate, or a sequence of instructional activities that meet the state high school communications standards requirements.
 - b. Mathematics—Six (6) credits, Three (3) years required.
 - (1) Two (2) semesters of Algebra I or courses that meet Algebra I standards as approved by the state department of education.
 - (2) Two (2) semesters of Geometry or courses that meet Geometry standards as approved by the State Department of education.
 - (3) Two (2) semesters of mathematics of the student's choice.
 - (4) Two (2) semesters of required six (6) credits of mathematics must be taken in the last year of high school.
 - c. Science—Six (6) credits, Three (3) years required.
 - (1) Instruction in biology, physical science or chemistry, and earth, space, environment or approved applied science.
 - (2) Four (4) credits, Two (2) years must be laboratory based courses.

- (3) The student must complete Six (6) credits, Three (3) years of high school science in addition to high school science courses completed in middle school.
- d. Social Studies—Five (5) credits, Two-half (2.5) years required in the following subject areas:
 - (1) Two (2) credits, One (1) year in government;
 - (2) Two (2) credits, One (1) year in U.S. history;
 - (3) One (1) credit, One (1) semester in economics.
- e. Humanities—Two (2) credits, One (1) year required, to include a course in interdisciplinary humanities, visual and performing arts, or world language.
- f. Health/Wellness—One (1) credit, with CPR being taught in the class.
- 3. College Entrance Examination. (Effective for all students that enter the 9th grade in the fall of 2009 or later) A student must take one (1) of the following college entrance examinations before the end of the student’s 11th grade year: COMPASS, ACT or SAT.
- 4. Senior Project. (Effective for all students that enter the 9th grade in the fall of 2009 or later) A student must complete a senior project that shall include a research paper and oral presentation by the end of the student’s 12th grade year.

HIGHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #305 STANDARDS FOR GRADUATION

Any student who desires to graduate from the Highland SD #305 must obtain a total of forty-eight (48) credits and pass any State-required assessment.

Group One: Required of all Students - Note: (1) semester = (1) credit

English	8 semesters	Humanities**	2 semesters
Speech	1 semester	Health***	1 semester
Mathematics*	6 semesters		
Science	6 semesters	Practical Arts	2 semesters
American Govt.	2 semesters	Total Core	33 Credits
U.S. History	2 semesters	Elective	17 Credits
Economics	1 semester	Total	48 Credits

- *Including Algebra I and Geometry, Two (2) credits or (2) semesters of Math must be taken your senior year (Students who have completed Six (6) credits of math prior to the fall of their last year of high school, including at least two (2) semesters of an Advanced Placement or dual credit calculus or high level course, are exempt from taking math during their last year of high school)
- **Art, Drama, Creative Writing, Band, Choir, Foreign Language
- *** Health must include training in CPR
- **** Effective 2016, Two (2) seasons participation in an offered sport may substitute for one (1) semester of PE

Group Two: Additional courses recommended for Post-Secondary Studies

- Foreign Language: Four (4) semesters, Two (2) years of same language
- Math: Total of Eight (8) semesters, Four (4) years
- Science: Total of Eight (8) semesters, Four (4) years
- Social Studies: Total of Six (6) semesters, Three (3) years

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

As a further condition of graduation, and as a condition of issuance of a diploma or certificate, or as a condition for issuance of a transcript, all indebtedness incurred by a person when he or she was a student must be paid. Furthermore, all books or other instructional material, uniforms, athletic equipment, advances on loans, or other personal property of the school district borrowed by the person when he or she was a student of the district must be returned. The payment of fees may be excused upon an adequate showing of financial need or other exigency.

CREDIT CALCULATION

Credits toward graduation requirements cannot be counted more than once for meeting the minimum requirements.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

- Idaho Code Sections
 - 33-119
 - 33-603
 - 33-1601, *et seq.*
 - 18-4511
- IDAPA 08.02.03.105

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