

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must successfully complete the courses required by the board and Iowa Department of Education in order to graduate.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure that students complete grades one through twelve and that high school students complete fifty six (56) credits prior to graduation. The following credits will be required: (* indicates state requirement)

- Eight (8) semesters of English*
 - English 9 2 semesters
 - English 10 2 semesters
 - Oral Communications 1 semester
 - Electives 3 semesters
- Two (2) semesters of American History*
- One (1) semester of American Government*
- Three (3) semesters of social studies electives – one (1) class must be global*
- Six (6) semesters of mathematics*
 - Consumer Math 1 semester
 - Sequence of courses 6 semesters
 - (must include Algebra 1)
- Six (6) semesters of natural science*
 - Physical Science 2 semesters
 - Biology 2 semesters
 - Electives 2 semesters
- Eight semesters (8) of physical education or weight training*
 - PE 7 semesters
 - Modern Health 1 semester
- Life Skills Courses
 - Parenting or Child Dev. 1 semester
 - Practical Arts 1 semester
 - Fine Arts 1 semester
 - Computer Applications 1 semester

These requirements commence with the class of 2011. The required courses of study will be reviewed by the board annually. (Normally this will occur as part of the annual High School Hand Book review.)

Graduation requirements for special education students will be in accordance with the prescribed course of study as described in their Individualized Education Program (IEP). Each student's IEP will include a statement of the projected date of graduation at least 18 months in advance of the projected date and the criteria to be used in determining whether graduation will occur. Prior to the special education student's graduation, the IEP team will determine whether the graduation criteria have been met.

NOTE: This is a mandatory policy.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 256.11, .11A; 279.8; 280.3, .14 (2007).
281 I.A.C. 12.2; .3(7); .5; 41.12(6)(e); 67 (8).

ANITA CSD POLICY REFERENCE MANUAL

Cross Reference: 505 Student Scholastic Achievement
 603 Special Education

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