

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Note: Transfer students who have earned 13 unit credits in another district may, at the district's discretion, be excused from the district's subject area units-of-credit requirements. 4 AAC 06.075.

Note: ~~The following sample policy reflects the minimum graduation requirements specified in 4 AAC 06.075 and should be revised to reflect district philosophy and needs.~~ Effective July 1, 2014, the requirement that no secondary student be issued a diploma unless he or she has passed the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam was repealed. That requirement was replaced with the requirement that a secondary student take a college and career readiness assessment or receive a waiver in order to receive a diploma. At the request of a student, the district shall retroactively issue a high school diploma to a student who did not receive one because of failure to pass all or a portion of the HSGQE and instead received a certificate of achievement. AS 14.03.075. The district is to mail a notice of this option to each such student who qualifies for a diploma to the student's last known address.

~~The Superintendent or designee shall prepare for School Board approval a plan consisting of district graduation requirements. Students shall receive diplomas of graduation from high school only after meeting the following district graduation requirements, as well as taking a college and career readiness assessment or receiving a waiver from the School Board. A school may not issue a secondary school diploma to a student unless the student takes a college and career readiness assessment or receives a waiver from the governing body. 'College and career readiness assessment' means the SAT, ACT, or WorkKeys assessment.~~

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>UNITS OF CREDIT</u>
Language Arts	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits **
Social Studies	3 credits *
Science	3 credits
Health	.5 credit
Physical Education	.5 credit ***
Life Skills	.5 credit
Technology	.5 credit
Electives	11 credits
TOTAL	26 Credits (One semester with a passing grade equals ½ credit)

~~Graduation requirements will be increased by one credit each year in order to phase in the increase of graduation requirements from 22 credits for the Class of 2011 to 26 credits for the Class of 2015.~~

- ~~Class of 2012 — 23 credits~~
- ~~Class of 2013 — 24 credits~~
- ~~Class of 2014 — 25 credits~~
- ~~Class of 2015 — 26 credits~~

*Note: The three units of credit in social studies must include one-half unit of credit in Alaska history or demonstration that the student meets the Alaska history performance standards. This requirement will not apply to a student who (1) transfers into your school after the student's second year of high school; or (2) has already successfully completed a high school state history course in another state. 4 AAC 06.075.

Alternative Attainment of Credit

Credits earned by a student who has completed courses through district-approved programs shall be applied to the student's high school graduation requirement.

A student may earn credits and/or have required credits waived upon successfully "challenging" a course through examination; provided, however, that the administration has an appropriate assessment instrument for the challenged course and that the student scores a 90% or better on the assessment.

A student may earn credits and/or have required credits waived upon successful completion of course work at the post-secondary level; provided, however, that the administration must first approve the course. Credit from post-secondary institutions may be awarded upon presentation of a valid transcript.

**** Optional High School Credit for Junior High (7th or 8th Grade) Algebra I or Geometry**

~~Eighth grade~~ **Junior High** students may receive credit for Algebra I or Geometry if the following criteria are met:

1. Class grade of B with B on the Algebra I final or better.
2. Recommendation of the 8th grade math teacher.
3. Eighth graders are encouraged to take three years of mathematics during high school.

~~All other students in the 8th grade Algebra I class will take Algebra I as a freshman.~~

*****PE Waiver for Athletic Participation**

Students may obtain a waiver of $\frac{1}{4}$ credit toward the physical education graduation requirement for each full season of ASAA-sanctioned sports participation within the Skagway School District. Elective credit must be earned to replace the Physical Education requirement that is waived. A waiver of the physical education requirement under this section does not affect the overall minimum requirements of 26 credits.

Instruction

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (continued)

BP 6146.1(c)

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance and Counseling Services)

(cf. 6146.3 - Competency Testing)

(cf. 6184 - Virtual/Online Courses)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.03.075 College and career readiness assessment; retroactive issuance of diploma

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 06.075 High school graduation requirements

4 AAC 06.721 College and career readiness assessment waivers

4 AAC 06.755-790 State wide assessment program for students with disabilities

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