

5460 - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order for a student to qualify for a diploma in this District, s/he must have enrolled in a class or participated in an activity approved by the Board during each class period of each school day. Additionally, s/he must have satisfactorily completed the following courses and earned at least four (4) credits of English, including writing composition, three (3) credits of social studies including State and local government, three (3) credits of mathematics, three (3) credits of science, one and one-half (1.5) credits of physical education, one-half (.5) credit of health education and ten (10) elective credits. All students must pass the Wisconsin State Civics exam before the end of their senior year. A student with a disability for whom an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is in effect, must also take the Wisconsin State Civics exam, however, his/her score will not determine eligibility for graduation according to state law. A student's transcript will reflect completion of all requirements.

The District may grant a high school diploma to a student who has not satisfied the requirements under this policy if the student was enrolled in an alternative education program and the District determines that the student has demonstrated a level of proficiency in the subjects required under this policy. An alternative education program is defined as an instructional program, approved by the School Board, that utilizes successful alternative or adaptive school structures and teaching techniques and that is incorporated into existing, traditional classrooms, or regularly scheduled curricular programs, or that is offered in place of regularly scheduled curricular programs. "Alternative educational program" does not include a private school or a home-based private educational program.

Graduation must be earned by passing all mandated subjects and earning total units required for the specific diploma sought.

In addition to credit requirements, academic performance and teacher recommendations will be considered in determining whether a student will receive a diploma.

Depending upon the disability profile, students in special education shall either receive a diploma if certified they have properly completed the requirements of their IEP, or receive the recommendation of the IEP Team, as related to completion of credit requirements through regular, special, or alternative education. They may participate in all graduation activities.

A student may be denied participation in graduation activities for disciplinary reasons and for non-payment of fees.