

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

This document outlines the minimum graduation requirements as outlined in IDAPA 08.02.03 104, 105, 106. School districts may have additional local requirements that impact student graduation

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CONTENT AREA	STATE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS
<b>Core of Instruction</b>	<b>29 credits</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>17 credits</b>
<b>Additional Requirements</b>	<b>See Descriptions</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>46 credit (minimum)</b>

*By the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, each student shall develop a parent-approved student learning plan for their high school and post-high school options. It must be reviewed annually and may be revised at any time. A sample learning plan can be found at:*

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops/files/developing/Generic-Learning-Plan.pdf>

CORE SUBJECT AREAS	29 CREDITS
<b>Language Arts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English – 8 Credits</li> <li>Speech – 1 Credit</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9 credits</b></p> <p>Speech credit can be obtained through other courses that meet the state speech requirement as approved by the local district.</p>
<b>Mathematics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I – 2 credits</li> <li>Geometry – 2 credits</li> <li>Student Choice – 2 credits</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 credits</b></p> <p>Two credits must be taken in the last year of high school.</p> <p>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 higher level course, are exempt from taking math during their last year of high school. AP Computer Science, Dual Credit Computer Science, and Dual Credit Engineering may be considered a math credit for student who have completed Algebra II standards.</p>
<b>Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lab-based – 4 credits</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 credits</b></p> <p>May include biology, physical Science, chemistry, earth, space, and environment or approved applied science. AP Computer Science, Dual Credit Computer Science, and Dual Credit Engineering can be considered as either a math or science credit.</p>
<b>Social Studies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US History – 2 credits</li> <li>Government – 2 credits</li> <li>Economic – 1 credit</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5 credits</b></p> <p>Courses such as geography, sociology, psychology and world history may not count towards this requirement.</p>
<b>Humanities</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2 credits</b></p> <p>May include visual arts, music, theatre, dance, or world language aligned to Idaho content standards for those subjects</p>
<b>Health</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1 credit</b></p> <p>CPR is required to be taught in Health, effective for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade Fall 2015 or later</p>

<b>ELECTIVES</b>	<b>17 CREDITS</b>
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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	DESCRIPTION
<b>Advanced Opportunities</b>	Districts must offer at least one Advanced Opportunity such as Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, Technical Competency Credit, or International Baccalaureate. *For more information on Advanced Opportunities, visit: <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops/index.html">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops/index.html</a>
<b>Senior Project</b>	Senior Projects are required to include a written report and an oral presentation by the end of grade 12 with guidelines set at the district level.
<b>College Entrance Exam</b>	Students must take either the ACT or SAT exam before the end of the student's 11 <sup>th</sup> grade beginning with students for School Year 2014-2015. *For more information on college entrance exams, visit: <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/college/">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/college/</a>
<b>Civics Test</b>	All secondary students must demonstrate that they have met the state civics and government standard by the successfully completing the civics test or alternate path. Successful completion of this requirement must be reflected on the student's transcript.
<b>Middle School Credits</b>	Students must take pre-algebra before entering 9 <sup>th</sup> grade. A student will have met the high school content and credit requirement for any required high school course if: The student completes such course with a grade C or higher before entering 9 <sup>th</sup> grade; course meets the same content standards that are required for high school and course is taught by a properly certified teacher. Parents of middle school student taking a course for high school credit must be notified that the course is available for high school credit and must be given the option as to whether or not the course is transcribed.

For more information on High School Graduation Requirements, visit: <http://sde.idaho.gov/topics/hs-grad-req/>