

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Alternative Program

Recognizing that the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Board shall adopt alternative means for the completion of the prescribed course of study. Students in danger of not earning the required 55 credits (including 10 credits of English) annually must participate in a supplemental or replacement instructional program.

An alternative program for completing graduation requirements provides students with options other than the traditional method of attending classes for a prescribed period of time in order to earn a predetermined number of credits. Alternative programs may include:

1. Challenging of classes through special examination;
2. Independent study;
3. Community-based study;
4. College classes;
5. Adult Education classes;
6. Continuation High School classes;
7. Distance Learning/On-line courses;
8. After school/evening courses; and/or
9. Summer school.

A proposal for an alternative course of study may be originated by students, parents/guardians, community members, or staff, and must represent an alternative approach to acquiring the same body of knowledge, skills or understanding as a traditional required or elective course.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to implement the provision for alternative programs.

Prior consultation with the principal and/or counselor having occurred, students may earn additional credits above those that can be earned with a normal program of studies during each semester. Refer to BP 6146.11 for process and pre-approval forms.

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