

ISD 279 and State of Minnesota Requirements for High School Graduation

Subject Area	ISD 279 and State of MN Requirements (1 credit = 1 trimester credit)	State Test Requirements for Graduation
Language Arts	12 credits Meet Assessment Requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing: Pass Written Composition GRAD (Grade 9) • Reading: Proficient on Reading MCA or pass GRAD (Grade 10) 	Reading MCA or embedded GRAD – Grade 10 Written Composition GRAD - Grade 9
Math	3 credits, encompassing the algebra, geometry, and statistics and probability content sufficient to satisfy the academic standards Beginning with students in the Class of 2015: must complete 3 credits of Algebra I by the end of 8 th grade, and must also complete three credits of Algebra II its equivalent, in addition to the requirements above. Meet Assessment Requirement Proficient on Mathematics MCA or Pass Mathematics GRAD (Grade 11)	Mathematics MCA or embedded GRAD – Grade 11
Science	9 credits, including 3 credits in biology Note: An agriculture science or Career and Technical Education (CTE) course may fulfill a general science credit requirement. Beginning with students in the Class of 2015: must earn 3 biology credits and three chemistry or physics credits as part of the 9 credit requirement.	Science MCA is required in the year that students complete their high school life science course. Results do not count toward graduation.
Social Studies	10 credits, encompassing U.S. history, geography, world history, economics, and government/citizenship	No state required tests Locally selected assessments
Arts	3 credits	No state required tests Locally selected assessments
Health	1 credit*	No state required tests Locally selected assessments
Physical Education	1 credit*	No state required tests Locally selected assessments

Credit comparison

In the documentation from the Minnesota Department of Education, 1 credit = 1 year. For ease of comparison, the chart above uses 1 credit = 1 trimester credit, to be consistent with ISD 279's current practice. Therefore, a 1 credit (1 year) requirement from MDE is noted as 3 credits above.

Local Requirements in Health and Physical Education

* Health and Physical Education is required by the Compulsory Instruction Law MS 120A.22 for graduation and instruction must be provided to all students in each area at least once in grades 9-12. In ISD 279, the Health and Physical Education credits required for graduation must be earned in grades 10-12.

In addition to the credit & course requirements above, students in ISD 279 take a minimum of 19 elective credits to meet a total of 64 credits required for graduation.