

## **POLICY 613 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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I. Minimum Graduation Requirements for Students Entering Ninth Grade in or Prior to 2003

A. The minimum credit requirements for high school graduation are:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Full Year Credits</u>
Language Arts	3
Social Studies	2
Mathematics	1
Science	1
Physical Education	.5
Health	.5
Elective Subjects	7
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Total Credits	15

II. These fifteen graduation credits may be earned in grades ten, eleven, and twelve during the regular school year or during summer school sessions.

III. All students must meet Minnesota Graduation Standards in accordance with the timeline established by the School Board and/or the State. Exemptions to this requirement will be granted in accordance with State Rule and Law.

This section of Policy 613 – Graduation Requirements will sunset in 2008.

IV. Minimum Graduation Requirements for Students Entering Ninth Grade in or After 2004.

The minimum credit requirements for high school graduation are:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Full Year Credits</u>
Language Arts	4
Social Studies	3.33
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Physical Education	.66
Health	1
Elective Subjects	6.33
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Total Credits	21.33

These 21.33 graduation credits may be earned in grades nine, ten, eleven, and twelve during the regular school year or during summer school session.

- All students must meet Minnesota graduation requirements in accordance with the timeline established by the School Board and/or the State. Exemptions to this requirement will be granted in accordance with State Rule and Law.

#### V. Early Completion of High School Requirements

As provided in M.S. 120B.07 – Early Graduation, early completion of requirements will be permitted, but there will be only one graduation ceremony in June of each year. The Request for Early Completion of Graduation Requirements (Appendix A) must be filed with the student’s counselor before the beginning of the final grading period of the student’s junior year. The Application for Early Completion of Graduation Requirements (Appendix B) must be filed at the beginning of the senior year. The application will be approved by the student’s counselor, the student’s parent/guardian if the student is under the age of 18, the Principal and the Superintendent or designee.

#### VI. Granting of Diploma

- A. Upon completion of graduation requirements specified in this Policy 613 – Graduation Requirements, a student will be granted a standard high school diploma.
- B. Upon completion of high school or the equivalent, a student with a disability who satisfactorily attains the objectives in the student’s Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be granted a high school diploma that is identical to the diploma granted to students without a disability, as required by M.S. 125A.

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#### ***Legal References***

M.S. 125A.04 – High School Diploma  
M.S. 120B.07 – Early Graduation  
Minnesota Rules: Chapter 3501

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