

Any high school student who completes the district graduation requirements prior to completing twelve (12) trimesters of high school work, may petition to graduate early.

This board will permit early graduation for students who would benefit from early graduation. Early graduates may participate in the regular spring commencement ceremony, but may not participate on the “senior trip”. The student may attend school dances if invited to come as a guest by another full time regular student. Students who graduate early will not be eligible for valedictorian and salutatorian honors.

Early graduation procedure:

The deadline for filing and application for early graduation is February 1.

1. An early graduation packet should be picked up and completed prior to February. Packets may be obtained from the principal of the high school.
2. The principal shall determine if the student is eligible for early graduation. If the student is eligible, the principal shall deliver the application to the superintendent/or board for approval or denial.
3. The principal shall inform the student about the approval or denial after the February board meeting.
4. When a request is denied, the student may present an appeal to the district board of education. The appeal will be presented at February’s board meeting.

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**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

IDAPA 08.02.01.350

High School Graduation Requirements

Publication of Graduation Requirements

Prior to registering in high school, each student will be provided with a copy of the current graduation requirements. Graduation requirements shall also be included in the student handbook.

Credits

Students in the graduating class of 2007 will be expected to earn a total of 60 trimester credits in order to complete graduation requirements. The class of 2008 will be expected to earn a total of 63 credits, and the class of 2009 will be expected to earn 66 credits. Each class thereafter will continue with the 66 credit requirement. Special education students who have successfully completed their IEP leading to completion of high school will be awarded a diploma.

The core credit requirements are as follows:

| <b>Course</b> | <b>Class of 2007</b> | <b>Class of 2008</b> | <b>Class of 2009 and Beyond</b> |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| English       | 8 credits            | 9 credits            | 10 credits                      |
| Math          | 6 credits            | 7 credits            | 10 credits                      |
| Science       | 6 credits            | 8 credits            | 8 credits                       |
| Speech        | 1 credit             | 1 credit             | 1 credit                        |

The other subject requirements are as follows:

|                        |            |            |            |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| U.S. History A & B     | 2 credits  | 2 credits  | 2 credits  |
| U.S. History C & D     | 2 credits  | 2 credits  | 2 credits  |
| Am. Government         | 2 credits  | 2 credits  | 2 credits  |
| World History*         | 2 credits  | 2 credits  | 2 credits  |
| Economics              | 1 credit   | 1 credit   | 1 credit   |
| Health                 | 1 credit   | 1 credit   | 1 credit   |
| Physical Education     | 2 credits  | 2 credits  | 2 credits  |
| Humanities             | 2 credits  | 2 credits  | 2 credits  |
| Careers                | 1 credit   |            |            |
| Technology             | 1 credit   | 1 credit   | 1 credit   |
| Junior Planning        | 1 credit   | 1 credit   | 1 credit   |
| Freshmen Success       |            | 1 credit   | 1 credit   |
| * Humanities Course    |            |            |            |
| Required Credits       | 38 credits | 42 credits | 45 credits |
| Electives              | 22 credits | 21 credits | 21 credits |
| Total Credits Required | 60 credits | 63 credits | 66 credits |

Idaho Stands Achievement Tests (ISAT)

All students must attain at least a proficient score on the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (effective January 1, 2006). This requirement will be phased for the classes of 2006 and 2007 subject to the following exemptions for the:

## Class of 2007

- a. The student took the ISAT and was within three (3) Rasch Units (RIT points) of proficiency, or
- b. The student has an IEP that outlines alternative requirements for graduation and/or adaptations are recommended on the test, or
- c. The student is considered an LEP student through a score determined on the state language proficiency test and has been in an LEP program for less than one academic year, or
- d. The student received a proficient or advanced score on an exit exam from another state that requires a standards-based exam for graduation. The state exit exam from the other state must be approved by the State Board of Education and measure skills at the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) grade level or above and be in comparable subject areas to the ISAT, or
- e. Under the discretion of the school board, a student who does not attain at least a proficient score prior to graduation may appeal to this local Board to demonstrate proficiency of the achievement standards through the district's Alternative Graduation Assessment Mechanism.

**For the Class of 2008 and subsequent classes, the following exemptions apply:**

- a. The student received a proficient or advanced score on an exit exam from another state that requires a standards-based exam for graduation. The state exit exam from the other state must be approved by the State Board of Education and measure skills at the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) grade level or above and be in comparable subject areas to the ISAT, or
- b. Under the discretion of the school board, a student who does not attain at least a proficient score prior to graduation may appeal to this local Board to demonstrate proficiency of the achievement standards through the district's Alternative Graduation Assessment Mechanism.

Waiver of Requirement

Graduation requirements generally will not be waived under any circumstances. However, in rare and unique hardship circumstances, the principal may recommend and the superintendent may approve minor deviation from the graduation requirements.

Outstanding fees will not cause a delay in transferring school records to another school district or prevent a student from enrolling in any other school.

Legal Reference: IDAPA 08.02.03.105 Graduation from High School  
IDAPA 08.02.03.107 High School Graduation Standards

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