**MEADE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

**Graduation Requirements**

Unlike middle school, high school progress towards graduation is based on earning credits instead of passing the majority of one’s grade level classes.

Credits, also known as Carnegie Units in some schools, are earned by passing a class. The passing of each class earns a student one credit per passed class. Meade County High School students have the potential to earn 28 credits over their four year course of study (7 each year). A minimum of 24 credits of the 28 are required to graduate.

Classes are labeled as either required or elective. A required class must be passed in order to graduate. There are currently 16.5 required classes at Meade County High School. If a required class is failed, it must be taken completely over again. Not all elective classes must be passed to graduate but a certain number are needed to reach the minimum of 24 credits earned to graduate.

**Required classes include:**

**Departmental Subjects Department Credits**

English 1, 2, 3, and 4  **4**

Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, one other math **4**

Earth Science, Life Science, Physical Science **3**

Survey of Social Studies, European History, US History  **3**

½ credit each of Health/PE **1**

Computer and Technology Applications  **.5**

History and Appreciation of the Arts (Humanities) **1**

**16.5**

Elective classes **+ 7.5**

**Total minimum credits for graduation 24**

**Credits Required to be Promoted**

**to the Next Grade Level**

Freshman to Sophomore (9th to 10th) Minimum 5 of 7 credits possible

Sophomore to Junior (10th to 11th) Minimum of 11 of 14 credits possible

Junior to Senior (11th to 12th) Minimum of 17 of 21 credits possible

Graduation Minimum of 24 of 28 credits possible\*

\*With all 16.5 required credits passed.

**Grade Composition**

Each of the four nine-week terms’ grades count for 22.5% of the final course grade with the final exam grade counting for 10% for a total of 100%. (Note: In an EOC course—Biology, Algebra II, US History, English II—the EOC Assessment will count for 20% of the student’s final grade.) It is the final grade that determines whether a student earns a credit for the class.