

HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Title: Graduation Requirements	Date Adopted: 11/14/84	Policy No. 5030
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Policy Statement:

As required by law students will receive a high school diploma only after meeting State-required and District-specified criteria.

Rationale:

The mission statement of the Hortonville Area School District is based upon the belief that all children can learn and will, after earning their diploma, have completed a quality educational program which has prepared them to adapt, grow and excel in a global society.

Scope: Grades 9-12

Responsibility: High School Principal and Guidance Counselors

Implementation:

Language Arts Center **4.0 credits**

- one credit of English 9
- one credit of English 10
- two additional credits from English offerings

Math/Science Cluster **6.5 credits**

- three credits of math, one of which must be either Algebra or a higher level math
- three credits of science (including either Honors Biology or Integrated Science and Biology and a one-credit junior level science)
- one-half credit of computer applications

Social Science Cluster **4.0 credits**

- one-half credit of Social Studies 9 – Geography (to be taken at the Freshman level)
- one-half credit of Social Studies 9 – Government (to be taken at the Freshman level)
- one credit of United States History (to be taken at the sophomore level)
- one credit of geographical/historical studies
- one-half credit behavioral/analytical studies
- one-half additional credit from any social studies offerings

Wellness Cluster **2.0 credits**

- one and one-half credits of physical education, including Physical Education I and Physical Education II
- one-half credit of health
- no more than two credits from physical education may count toward graduation

Occupational Cluster **2.0 credits**

- two credits from course offerings in one of the following areas: art, business education, family and consumer education or technology

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- math, science and computer science courses above 6.5 credit requirement may be used to meet the occupational requirement

Fine Arts and Foreign Language Cluster 1.0 credits

- courses in foreign language, art, band, choir and drama may be used to meet this requirement

Electives 4.5 credits

- any credits not applied toward the required credits

Youth Service Learning Hours

- Students shall perform 36 hours of community service as follows:
- A one-half, elective credit course is available to assist students in meeting the service hour requirement.
- For students graduating at the end of the first semester, all 36 hours must be acquired and submitted to the Youth Service Learning Coordinator on or before December 1st. For students graduating at the end of the school year, hours must be submitted on or before May 1st.

Total Required Credits

Total required credits	19.5
Total elective credits	4.5
Total credits needed for graduation	24

- * A course may not be used to complete a credit requirement in more than one cluster.
- * Early graduation may be granted with Board approval.
- * Seniors must be enrolled in and pass a minimum of five credit classes each semester.
- * With prior school board approval, high school credit may be granted for off-campus technical college or university credits earned during the junior and senior year and will be translated as follows:

4 technical college/university credits = 1 high school credit

Associated Information:

- Policy #5016.1 Valedictorian/Salutatorian Nomination
- Policy #5063 Grating Credit for High School Level Courses Taught at the Middle School Level
- Policy #5073 Grade Promotion and High School Graduation