### **Missoula County Public Schools**

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## **High School Graduation Requirements**

# <u>Publication of Graduation Requirements</u>

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

Except as provided in individualized education programs, students shall be expected to earn a total of 24 units in order to complete graduation requirements.

# 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 approve minor deviation from the graduation requirements.

#### **Alternative Programs**

Credit toward graduation requirements may be granted for planned learning experiences from accredited programs, such as summer school, university courses, and correspondence courses. Credit for work experience may be offered when the work program is a part of and supervised by the school.

All classes attempted at Missoula High School and all acceptable transfer credits shall be recorded on the transcript. All grades earned, including failures and retakes, shall be recorded as such and utilized in the calculation of Grade Point Average and class rank. Credit shall be awarded only once regardless of repetition of the course.

#### Honor Roll

A student must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.00 to be placed on the regular honor roll. Specific information regarding honors at graduation is included in the student handbook.

#### Class Rank (Grade Point Average)

Class Rank is compiled from semester grades. Courses not eligible for GPA are designated with an asterisk on the report card.

## **Early Graduation**

In accordance with provisions of § 20-9-313, MCA, the Board hereby authorizes the high school principal to grant permission to students who have completed the minimum requirements for graduation after completion of the seventh (7th) semester. Any exception must be approved by the Superintendent/designee. The trustees may establish an increase to the District's average number belonging formula as though the student had attended to the end of the school fiscal year for approval by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Legal Reference: § 20-9-313, MCA Circumstances under which regular average number belonging may be increased

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