

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:

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 Board 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 a 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:

All students learn and experience success given time and opportunity, but the degree to which academic content standards are met and the time it takes to reach the standards may vary from student to student. The Board of Trustees believes that all students, including advanced learners, should be challenged and supported to reach their full potential. For some learners, this can best be achieved by affording them access to advanced coursework when they have demonstrated proficiency in the prerequisite course. Students may graduate early by completing graduation requirements before their 8th semester in high school. Students who successfully complete graduation requirements within 7 or 6 semesters will be considered "early-graduates" having demonstrated proficiency through successful completion of all graduation requirements. Students who are interested in early graduation should meet with their counselor to complete a graduation plan. 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.

No student may participate in the graduation ceremony unless that student has successfully completed all the credit requirements.