

## **Missoula County Public Schools**

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### **INSTRUCTION**

#### High School Graduation Requirements

Each student who has successfully completed an appropriate instructional program shall be awarded a diploma. The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in the District who meets the requirements of graduation established by the District. The official transcript will indicate the specific courses taken and level of achievement.

The Board shall establish graduation requirements which, as a minimum, satisfy those established by the Board of Public Education (10.55.904 & 905, ARM). Generally, any change in graduation requirements promulgated by the Board will become effective for the next class to enter 9th grade. Exceptions to this general rule may be made where it is determined by the Board that the proposed change in graduation requirements will not have a negative effect on students already in grades 9-12.

To graduate from Missoula County Public High Schools, a student must have satisfactorily completed the last quarter prior to his/her graduation as a Missoula County Public High School Student. Highly unusual exceptions may be considered by the principal, such as a student exchange program in a recognized school.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for implementing this policy which include, but are not limited to:

1. Recommending course and credit requirements which satisfy the Board of Public Education requirements and recognize the desires of the citizens of the District;
2. Making graduation requirements available in writing to students, parents and members of the public;
3. Providing a waiver of graduation requirements for an individual student in conforming with 10.55.906(3), ARM.;
4. Providing a diploma option for those students who have experienced a qualified educational disruption;
5. Granting credit for learning experiences conducted away from school;
6. Granting credit for correspondence and/or college courses;
7. Counseling of students to know what is expected of them for completion of their schooling;
8. Preparing a list of students for the information of the Board and release to the public;
9. Preparing suitable diplomas for graduating seniors; and
10. Planning and executing graduation ceremonies.

A student may be denied participation in graduation ceremonies pursuant to Montana law. In such instances, the diploma will be awarded after the official ceremony has been held.

A student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) shall be awarded a diploma either based on completion of the graduation requirements of the District or based on individual student performance as demonstrated by successful completion of specific IEP objectives for the graduation year.

Cross Reference:

#2168 Distance, Online and Technology Delivered Instruction

#2130 Program Evaluation and Diagnostic Tests

Legal Reference:

§ 20-5-201, MCA      Duties and Sanctions - Chapter 80-2021 General Legislative Session  
10.55.904, ARM      Basic education program offerings - high school

10.55.905, ARM      Graduation requirements  
10.55.906, ARM      High School Credit

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