

Section 300: Instructions

**Graduation Requirements (Administrative Rule)**

**Code #345.06AR**

A student may take only one (1) study hall period per semester. The following courses and credits are required for graduation:

1. English/Language Arts - Four (4) credits.
  - a. English 9 - One (1) credit during freshman year OR  
English 9 - Honors - One (1) credit during freshman year
  - b. English 10 - One (1) credit during sophomore year OR  
English 10 - Honors - One (1) credit during sophomore year
  - c. American Literature 1 - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit during junior year AND  
American Literature 2 - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit during junior year
  - d. British Literature 1 - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit during senior year AND  
British Literature 2 - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit during senior year
  - e. A.P. Language & Composition - One (1) credit during junior or senior year - *may supplant either American Literature 1 & 2 or British Literature 1 & 2 requirement*
  - f. Oral Communications - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit during senior year - *supplants British Literature 1 requirement*
  - g. Written Communications - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit during senior year - *supplants British Literature 2 requirement*
2. Social Studies - Three (3) credits.
  - a. Civics - One (1) credit during freshman year OR  
Civics - Honors - One (1) credit during freshman year
  - b. U.S. History - One (1) credit during junior year
  - c. A.P. U.S. History - One (1) credit during junior year - *supplants U.S. History requirement*
  - d. Social Problems - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit during senior year
  - e. One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) additional credit in Social Studies
3. Science - Three (3) credits (beginning with the Class of 2017). Two (2) credits (Class of 2016 and prior).
  - a. General Science - One (1) credit during freshman year
  - b. Biology - One (1) credit during sophomore year  
AND (beginning with the Class of 2017)
  - c. One (1) additional credit in Science
4. Math - Three (3) credits (beginning with the Class of 2017). Two (2) credits (Class of 2016 and prior).

- a. Algebra I - One (1) credit during freshman year OR  
Algebra I Block - One (1) credit during freshman year  
OR (Class of 2016 and prior)  
Modified Algebra I - One (1) credit during freshman year
  - b. Geometry - One (1) credit during sophomore year OR  
Geometry Block - One (1) credit during sophomore year  
OR (Class of 2016 and prior)  
Modified Algebra II - One (1) credit during sophomore year  
AND (beginning with the Class of 2017)
  - c. Algebra II - One (1) credit during junior year OR  
Algebra II Block - One (1) credit during junior year
5. Health & Physical Education - Two and one-half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) credits.
- a. Health - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit preferably during freshman year
  - b. Parenting - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit during junior or senior year
  - c. Physical Education, Fitness, or Extreme Fitness - One and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) credits in any combination during high school
6. Business & Informational Technology - One (1) credit.
- a. Computers I - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit preferably during freshman year
  - b. Personal Finance - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit preferably during sophomore or junior year
7. Career & Technology Education (CTE) - Two (2) credits selected from the following list of options (Class of 2018 and subsequent)
- a. Animal Science I - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - b. Animal Science II - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit - *also counts toward third required science credit*
  - c. Horticulture - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit - *also counts toward third required science credit*
  - d. FFA Leadership I - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - e. FFA Leadership II - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - f. Food Science - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - g. Landscaping - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - h. Accounting - One (1) credit - *supplants Personal Finance requirement*
  - i. Computers II - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - j. Business Procedures - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - k. Career Exploration - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - l. Technology I - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit

- m. Technology II - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - n. CAD - Introduction - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - o. CAD - Architectural - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - p. CAD - Engineering - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - q. Graphic Communications - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - r. Metals - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - s. Multimedia Communications - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - t. Power & Energy I - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - u. Power & Energy II - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - v. Woods I - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
  - w. Woods II - One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit
8. Additional Elective Courses - Six (6) additional credits (beginning with Class of 2017). Eight (8) additional credits (Class of 2016 and prior).

Total Credits Required: 24.5 (22.5 for Class of 2017 and prior)

In addition to the course and credit requirements above, general education students must pass the statutorily required civics test during the high school grades. For students receiving special education, the civics test requirement will be administered consistent with the students' Individualized Educational Program.

A student who has not successfully achieved the necessary credits to satisfy the district's graduation policy may apply for the district's General Education Diploma Option #2 (GEDO #2) program. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will receive a high school diploma and be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony.

1. Requirements for GEDO #2:

- a. The student has been/is currently enrolled in the Alternative Education program
- b. Is 17 years of age
- c. One year behind their 9th grade class (3 credits) academically
- d. Has a minimum of a 9th grade reading level
- e. Is scheduled for a minimum of fifteen (15) hours of instruction/week. Ten (10) hours in the core GED areas plus five (5) hours in elective course(s) or an approved work experience program.
- f. Has completed DPI form PI-8202 on file in the high school office
- g. Attend formal meeting with high school principal, guidance counselor, and alternative education teacher to request placement into GEDO #2 program

2. Student needs to have earned at least six and one-half (6.5) credits prior to acceptance into the GEDO #2 program. These credits must include the following:
  - a) One (1) credit of English
  - b) One (1) credit of Math
  - c) One (1) credit of Social Studies
  - d) One (1) credit of Science
  - e) One-half (.5) credit of Health
  - f) One and one-half (1.5) credits of Physical Education
  - g) One-half (.5) credit of Computers
3. Prior to or concurrently enrolled in the GEDO #2 program, the student will have completed one or more of the following electives: Career Exploration, Personal Finance, Parenting, and/or Social Problems.
4. If a student has meet the district's credit requirements for any of the GED core areas (English/Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math), he or she does not need to take the corresponding GED test in that area(s).
5. The student must pass all the GED competency tests in order to be eligible for the graduation ceremony.

**Legal Reference:** Sections 118.15(1)(d), 118.30 and 118.33, Wisconsin Statutes.  
Section PI 18.04, WI Admin. Code

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