

**6005
Academic Credits and Graduation**

The district shall accept credits toward graduation that were awarded by an accredited school district, and shall award a diploma to an option student if the student meets the district's graduation requirements.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must successfully complete the courses required by the board and Nebraska Department of Education in order to graduate.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure that students complete grades one through twelve and that high school students complete 225 credits prior to graduation. The following credits will be required:

Language Arts	40	credit hours
Math	30	credit hours ***
Science	30	credit hours
Social Studies	35	credit hours ****
Physical Education	10	credit hours **
Consumer Education	5	credit hours
Total Required Core hours	150	credit hours
Information Tech	10	credit hours
Practical Arts	20	credit hours
Total Elective Hours	30	credit hours
Selected Electives	up to 60	credit hours
Senior Project/service learning	5	credit hours *
Total Required Hours for Graduation	225	credit hours
	230	credit hours
		Effective 2018

* Performance requirement for all students not in English 12.

** Effective with the graduating class of 2007-08.

**** 5 hrs of Geography will be required in Social Studies starting with the class of 2018

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Alternative Education Program

It shall be the policy of Madison Public School District No. 51 to provide an alternative school Program based on the needs of the District. The alternative school program shall include an individualized program to enable the student to continue academic work toward graduation.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure that students complete grades one through twelve and that high school students complete 200 credits prior to graduation. The following credits will be required:

Language Arts	40	credit hours
Math	30	credit hours
Science	30	credit hours
Social Studies	30	credit hours
Total Required Core hours	130	credit hours

Total Elective Hours	70	credit hours
Senior Project/service learning	5	credit hours *

Total Required Hours for Graduation 200 credit hours

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