

Gresham-Barlow SD 10

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Graduation Requirements

The district believes that all students will be provided a rigorous and relevant curriculum that will prepare them for success in college and the workforce in the 21st century. With this belief as a foundation to our graduation policy, the Board also recognizes that diploma options are important to address all students' needs in our district. The Gresham-Barlow School District will make available the following diploma options:

GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT DIPLOMA

A Gresham-Barlow School District diploma will be awarded to students in grades 9 through 12 who complete a minimum of 24 credits which include at least:

1. Four credits of English (shall include the equivalent of one unit in written composition);
2. Three credits of mathematics (shall include one unit at the Algebra I level and two units that are at a level higher than Algebra I);
3. Three credits of science;
4. Three credits of social sciences (including history, civics, geography and economics (including personal finance));
5. One credit in health education;
6. One credit in physical education;
7. Three credits in career and technical education, the arts or world language (units shall be earned in any one or a combination); and
8. Six credits of electives.

The district shall offer students credit options provided the method for obtaining such credit is described in the student's personal education plan and the credit is earned by meeting requirements described in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-2025.

To receive a diploma, in addition to credit requirements as outlined in OAR 581-022-2000, a student must:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills of Reading, Writing and Apply Mathematics;
2. Develop an education plan and build an education profile;
3. Demonstrate extended application through a collection of evidence; and
4. Participate in career-related learning experiences outlined in the education plan.

Middle School students may opt to take high school math credit at the Algebra I level and higher when available at the middle school level.

Credit can be earned in two ways:

9. Based on successful completion of a two-semester course with 130 clock hours of instruction per unit. One-half unit of credit is earned by successfully completing a class for one semester.
10. Based on evidence of proficiency in district-designated courses. Before granting credit, the district shall require a student to provide sufficient evidence that demonstrates a level of proficiency that meets or exceeds district standards.

GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARS' DIPLOMA

In addition to meeting all requirements for the Gresham-Barlow School District Diploma, students will qualify for a Gresham-Barlow School District Scholars' Diploma based on their enrollment in advanced courses and provide confirmation that they have accomplished each of the requirements listed below. Students must remain enrolled in their advanced courses through their eighth semester, as their final GPA and class ranking will be determined by their highest GPA with the Scholars' program and final grade report. Course lists are available from the schools. It is from among Scholars' Diploma candidates that valedictorian and salutatorian recipients will be determined.

Requirements

1. Successfully complete all graduation requirements, including credit requirements, Essential Skills requirements, education plan and profile, extended application and career related learning experiences;
2. Earn an accumulative GPA of at least 3.50 at the end of the eighth semester;
3. Earn a minimum of 25 credits, at least eight of which must be earned in designated advanced courses;
4. Demonstrate proficiency in a world Language in addition to English or successfully complete two years of study in the same world language;
5. Have been an active participant in at least one co-curricular activity (e.g., sports, clubs, theater, music, student government, etc);
6. May earn only one elective credit using the PASS/NO PASS option;
7. International Baccalaureate Full Diploma Candidates who are in good standing at the end of the eighth semester of their senior year will automatically earn a Scholars' Diploma at Gresham High School.

Any appeal regarding qualification for a Gresham-Barlow School District Scholars' Diploma must be presented to the Scholars' Diploma Review Panel.

MODIFIED DIPLOMA

A modified diploma will be awarded only to students who have demonstrated the inability to meet the full set of academic standards adopted by the State Board of Education for a high school diploma even with reasonable modifications and accommodations. A modified diploma may only be awarded to a student who meets the eligibility criteria listed below:

1. Has a documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers; or
2. Has a documented history of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievement.

Having met the above eligibility criteria, a modified diploma will be awarded to students who, while in grade nine through completion of high school, complete 24 credits which shall include:

1. Three credits in English;
2. Two credits in mathematics;
3. Two credits in science;
4. Two credits in social sciences (which may include history, civics, geography and economics (including personal finances));
5. One credit in health education;
6. One credit in physical education;
7. One credit in career technology, the arts or a world language (units may be earned in any one or a combination); and
8. Twelve credits of electives.

In addition to credit requirements as outlined in OAR 581-022-2010, a student must:

1. Develop an education plan and build an education profile; and
2. Demonstrate extended application through a collection of evidence.

A student must also demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills with reasonable modifications and accommodations.

Districts may make modifications to the assessment for students who seek a modified diploma when the following conditions are met:

1. For a student on an individualized Education Program (IEP), any modifications to work samples must be consistent with the requirements established in the IEP. Modifications are changes to the achievement level, construct or measured outcome of an assessment. This means that IEP or school teams responsible for approving modifications for a student's assessment may adjust the administration of the assessment and/or the assessment's achievement standard.
2. For a student not on an IEP, any modifications to work samples must have been provided to the student during his/her instruction in the content area to be assessed, and in the year in which the

student is being assessed, and modifications must be approved by the school team that is responsible for monitoring the student's progress toward the modified diploma.

Students not on an IEP or a Section 504 Plan may not receive a modified Smarter Balanced assessment.

A student's school team shall decide that a student should work toward a modified diploma no earlier than the end of grade six and no later than two years before the student's anticipated exit from high school. A student's school team may decide to revise a modified diploma decision.

A student's school team may decide that a student who was not previously working towards a modified diploma should work towards one when the student is less than two years from anticipated exit from high school if the documented history has changed.

Beginning in grade five when a student is taking an alternate assessment, the district shall annually provide to the parents or guardians of the student, information about the availability and requirements of a modified diploma.

EXTENDED DIPLOMA

An extended diploma will be awarded only to students who have demonstrated the inability to meet the full set of academic content standards adopted by the State Board of Education for a diploma while receiving modifications and accommodations. To be eligible for an extended diploma, a student must:

1. While in grade nine through completion of high school, complete 12 credits, which may not include more than six credits in a self-contained special education classroom and will include:
 - a. Two credits of mathematics;
 - b. Two credits of English;
 - c. Two credits of science;
 - d. Three credits of history, geography, economics or civics;
 - e. One credit of health;
 - f. One credit of physical education;
 - g. One credit of the arts or a world language.
2. Have a documented history of:
 - a. An inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers; or
 - b. A medical condition that creates a barrier to achievement; and
 - c. Participating in an alternate assessment no later than grade six and lasting for two or more assessment cycles; or
 - d. A change in the student's ability to participate in grade level activities as a result of a serious illness or injury that occurred after grade eight.

Beginning in grade five when a student is taking an alternate assessment, the district shall annually provide to the parents or guardians of the student, information about the availability and requirements of an extended diploma.

ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATES

Alternative certificates will be awarded to students who do not satisfy the requirements for a diploma, modified diploma or extended diploma if the students meet minimum credit requirements established by the district. Alternative certificates will be awarded based on individual student needs and achievement.

Beginning in grade five when a student is taking an alternate assessment, the district shall annually provide to the parents or guardians of the student, information about the availability and requirements of an alternative certificate.

Assessment

Students may opt-out of the Smarter Balanced or alternate Oregon Extended Assessment by completing the Oregon Department of Education's Opt-out Form¹ and submitting the form to the district.

¹www.ode.state.or.us; or navigate to Teaching & Learning > Testing - Student Assessment > Smarter Balanced