

Grants Pass School District 7

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Graduation Requirements

Students from the district must meet the minimum Oregon state graduation requirements as well as district requirements to earn a diploma. The district diploma is issued to students who have met specific requirements established by the State Board of Education. The district modified diploma is issued to students who have met specific requirements established by the State Board of Education and have demonstrated an inability to meet the full set of academic standards even with reasonable modifications and accommodations. The district extended diploma is issued to students who have met specific requirements established by the State Board of Education and have demonstrated an inability to meet the full set of academic standards even with reasonable modifications and accommodations. The district alternative certificate is issued to students who do not satisfy the requirements for a diploma, modified diploma or an extended diploma but do meet minimum requirements established by the district.

Diploma Graduation Credit Requirements

A high school 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; and
7. Three credits in career and technical education, the arts or world language (units shall be earned in any one or a combination).
8. One-half credit in career education
9. Five and one-half credits in 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.

Essential Skills for ELL Students

The district will not allow English Language Learner (ELL) students to demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills of Apply Mathematics, in a variety of settings, in the student's language of origin for those students who by the end of their 11th grade year are:

1. On track to meet all other graduation requirements; and
2. Unable to demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills in English.

The district will allow ELL students to demonstrate proficiency in Essential Skills other than Apply Mathematics, in a variety of settings, in the student's language of origin for those students who by the end of their 11th grade year:

1. Are on track to meet all other graduation requirements;
2. Are unable to demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills in English;
3. Have been enrolled in a U.S. school for five years or less; and
4. Have demonstrated sufficient English language skills using the English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21)¹.

The district will develop procedures to provide assessment options as described in the Essential Skills and Local Performance Assessment Manual in the ELL student's language of origin for those ELL students who meet the criteria above and will develop procedures to ensure that locally scored assessment options administered in an ELL student's language of origin are scored by a qualified rater.

Essential Skills Appeal

The district will follow Board policy KL - Public Complaints in the event of an appeal for the denial of a diploma based on the Essential Skills graduation requirement. The district will retain student work samples and student performance data to ensure that sufficient evidence is available in the event of an appeal.

¹This criteria does not apply to students seeking a diploma in 2017-2018.