

Graduation Requirements

The Board will establish requirements for graduation from Oregon City High School and any public charter school within the Oregon City School District to meet or exceed those established by the state board of education, as well as ensure that students have ample opportunity to build a foundation in the areas of core curriculum and to explore the diverse offerings of the elective program. The superintendent will develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

Oregon City offers seven diplomas for high school completion: Standard diploma for students on track to graduate with their class, Honors diploma, Advanced Honors diploma, Oregon City School District Basic diploma, Modified diploma for those identified students who have met some, but not all, of the graduation requirements for a Standard diploma, Extended diploma and a Vocational diploma for students who may not achieve the necessary level of competence or complete the full course requirements to earn a standard diploma. Public charter schools within the Oregon City School District may have slight differences in the way credits are earned, but the total credits will remain the same.

The district encourages students to perform at the highest level possible in their course work. Recognizing that most middle school age students are able to master existing high school curriculum, it is the policy of the district to allow middle school students, who are qualified, to take designated high school classes/courses.

High school credit may be granted, if students taking middle school courses are required to meet performance criteria that are equivalent to the performance criteria for students taking the same high school courses. The district will allow the granting of such credit toward meeting graduation requirements.

A student may satisfy graduation requirements in less than four years. The district will award a diploma to a student fulfilling graduation requirements in less than four years upon the student's request and if required, the student's parent or guardian consent.

1. Credit Hours and Additional Requirements:

- a. For the class of 2010 and beyond, students shall earn 26.0 credits to receive a diploma from Oregon City High School. Students earn a .5 credit for each successfully completed trimester course.
- b. State graduation requirements beginning with the class of 2010 and beyond are listed below. OCHS offers a senior project class which allows students to:

- Develop an educational plan and profile
- Demonstrate extended application through a collection of evidence
- Demonstrate career-related knowledge and skills
- Participate in career-related learning experiences

2. Credit requirements per year shall be as follows:

a. Standard Diploma:

Subject Area	Number of Credits Needed
English	4 credits (with the equivalent of 1 credit in Written Composition)
Mathematics	3 credits (must complete Algebra 1 or above. Starting with the class of 2014, it shall include 1 credit at the Algebra I level and 2 credits that are at a level higher than Algebra I)
Science	2 credits (3 credits starting with the Class of 2012)
Social Science	3 credits (1 credit Global, 1 credit US History, .5 Government and .5 Economics)
Physical Education	1.5 credits *
Health Education	1 credit
Career and Technical Ed., the Arts and/or Second Language	1 credit (3 credits, starting with the Class of 2012)
General Electives	10 credits (7 credits, starting with the Class of 2012)
Senior Project/Career Education	0.5 credit
Total:	26 Credits

*Individuals may be excused from participation in physical education (PE) for .5 credit of the 1.5 credits required for graduation through the participation in an OSAA-sponsored athletic program or a program of study waiver. Such excused students will be required to substitute the .5 credits with an elective course.

b. In order to earn a standard diploma, in addition to the minimum credits earned under each year, all students graduating in 2010 and beyond will be required to pass the state benchmarks in Reading, Writing and Math

Subject	Requirements
Reading	Score of 236 or better on state multiple-choice test
Writing	Score a composite of 40 or above on state writing assessments
Mathematics	Score 236 or better on state multiple-choice test

c. On a case-by-case basis, the administration may make provisions for students to take alternative assessments in order to meet the state benchmarks.

3. Honors Diploma

Students who desire a more challenging and rigorous academic program must take the appropriate honors and/or advanced placement courses to fulfill the requirements for graduation with an honors diploma.

Course Requirements:

Subject Area	Number of Credits Needed
English	4.0 credits with 3.0 from: Pre-AP English 10, Honors American Literature, Honors Humanities, AP Literature and Composition, AP Language and Composition, Honors Forensics: Speech and Debate
Mathematics	3.0 credits with sequence ending at Honors Pre-Calculus, Discrete Math, AP Statistics or AP Calculus
Science	3.0 credits including Chemistry and at least 1.0 credit from: Honors Advanced Biology (Cell Biology, Genetics, Zoology), Honors Geology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, or AP Physics
Social Science	3.0 credits with 2.0 from: Honors U.S. Government and Politics, Honors Economics, Honors International Relations, Honors Psychology, Honors Civil Change: 20th Century Revolutions, AP U.S. History, AP Comparative Government and Politics, AP Human Geography, AP Psychology.
Physical Education	1.5 credits*
Health Education	1.0 credit
Career and Technical Ed. or the Arts	0.5 Credit: See Curriculum Handbook for choices
Second Language	3.0 credits - Three years study in one language (German, Spanish or French)**
General Electives	6.5 credits
Senior Project/Career Education	0.5 credit
Total:	26 Credits

*Individuals may be excused from participation in physical education (PE) for .5 credit of the 1.5 credits required for graduation through the participation in an OCHS-sponsored athletic program or a program of study waiver. Such excused students will be required to substitute the .5 credit with an elective course.

** Students who take 2 years of a second language in Middle School will need only 2 credits of the same language at the high school level.

GPA Requirement:

Students will have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 (weighted) through the end of Winter Trimester Senior year.

State Assessment Requirement:

All honors courses require that students have passed the reading and writing state assessments. AP courses require students pass the state assessment in the particular course subject area as well as passing the state reading assessment in order to enroll in the class.

4. Advanced Honors Diploma

To receive an Advanced Honors Diploma, students must meet the requirements of an Honors Diploma and 4 of their courses need to be AP classes.

5. Oregon City School District Basic Diploma:

A basic diploma will be awarded to students who have met specific requirements established by the State Board of Education. To be eligible for a basic diploma a student must be a credit deficient senior, a second year senior, or have been recommended by an IEP team for this diploma.

Course Requirements:

Subject Area	Number of Credits Needed
English	4 credits (shall include the equivalent of 1 credit in Written Composition)
Mathematics	3 credits (must complete Algebra 1 or above. Starting with the class of 2014, it shall include 1 credit at the Algebra I level and 2 credits that are at a level higher than Algebra I)
Science	2 credits (3 credits starting with the Class of 2012)
Social Science	3 credits (1 credit Global, 1 credit US History, .5 Government and .5 Economics)
Physical Education	1 credit
Health Education	1 credit
Career and Technical Education, the Arts and/or Second Language	1 credit (3 credits, starting with the Class of 2012 shall be earned in any one or a combination)
General Electives	8.5 credits (5.5 credits, starting with the Class of 2012)
Senior Project/Career Education	0.5 credit
Total	24 Credits

Note: For the Class of 2012, Basic Diploma recipients will need to pass state benchmarks in reading. For the Class of 2013, basic diploma recipients must pass state benchmarks in reading and writing. For the Class of 2014, recipients must pass state benchmarks in reading, writing and math. On a case-by-case basis, administration may make provisions for students to take alternative assessments in order to meet state benchmarks.

6. Modified Diploma:

A modified diploma will be awarded to students who have demonstrated the inability to meet the full set of academic standards established by the State Board of Education for a diploma while receiving reasonable modifications and accommodations. To be eligible for a modified diploma a student must have a documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers; or have a documented history of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievement.

To be eligible for a modified diploma a student must, while in grade nine through completion of high school, complete 24 credits which shall include the following:

Course Requirements:

Subject Area	Number of Credits Needed
English	3 credits (the equivalent of 1 credit in Written Composition)
Mathematics	2 credits
Science	2 credits
Social Science	3 credits (1 credit Global, 1 credit US History, .5 Government and .5 Economics)
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Health Education	1 credit
Career Technology, the Arts or a Second Language	1 credit
General Electives	10 credits
Senior Project/Career Education	0.5 credit
Total	24 Credits

7. Extended Diploma

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

- a. Have a documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers; or
- b. Have a documented history of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievements; and
- c. Participate in an alternative assessment beginning no later than grade six and lasting for two or more assessment cycles; or
- d. Have a serious illness or injury that occurs after grade eight, that changes the student's ability to participate in grade level activities and that results in the student participating in alternate assessments.

Course Requirements:

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:

Subject Area	Number of Credits Needed
English	2 credits
Mathematics	2 credits
Science	2 credits

Social Science	3 credits (1 credit Global, 1 credit US History, .5 Government and .5 Economics)
Physical Education	1 credit
Health Education	1 credit
Arts or a Second Language	1 credit
Total	12 Credits

8. Vocational Diploma

Some students may not achieve the necessary level of competence or complete the full course requirements to earn a standard diploma. These identified students may be awarded a vocational diploma signifying that they have earned the required amount of credits for that graduating year and meet district attendance requirements.

The issuance of a vocational diploma is based on individual student achievement. Students who receive a vocational diploma are those students whose educational courses have been significantly modified from the standard curriculum. A vocational diploma is for students who may not achieve the necessary level of competence or complete the full course requirements to earn a standard diploma. The focus for these students is on life skills, interpersonal skills, functional English, math, and reading skills, community preparation, and work experience based on the curriculum standards.

This diploma will be phased out at the close of the 2010-2011 school year.

Course Requirements for Track One Vocational Diploma: (Class of 2010-2011 only)

Subject Area	Number of Credits Needed
Applied Arts	1 credit
Community Preparation	6 credits
Language Arts	3 credits
Mathematics	2 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Senior Project	0.5 credit
Work Experience	7 credits
Other Electives	5 credits
Total:	26 credits

Course Requirements for Track Two Vocational Diploma: (Class of 2010-2011 only)

Subject Area	Number of Credits Needed
Applied Arts	1 credit
Language Arts	3 credits
Mathematics	2 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Senior Project	0.5 credit
Work Experience	7 credits
Other Electives	11 credits
Total:	26 credits

9. 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's needs and achievement.

10. A student who receives a standard diploma, basic diploma, honors diploma, advanced honors diploma, modified diploma, extended diploma or alternative certificate will have the option of participating in a high school graduation ceremony.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.095](#)
[ORS 329.451](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 332.114](#)
[ORS 339.115](#)
[ORS 343.295](#)

[OAR 581-021-0071](#)
[OAR 581-022-0615](#)
[OAR 581-022-1130](#)
[OAR 581-022-1131](#)
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[OAR 581-022-1350](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IKFA - Early Graduation**