

Graduation Requirements

The Board will establish graduation requirements for the awarding of a regular high school diploma which meet or exceed state standards. Students in grades 9 through 12 must complete at a minimum 24 credit hours, three years of mathematics, and four years of English. The district may award a diploma to a student who does not meet these requirements if the student has exceeded the academic content standards for or displays proficiency in mathematics or English, as established by the State Board of Education.¹ Students receiving their diploma in 2012 will need to complete three credits of science, three credits in either arts, applied arts or a second language, six credits of electives and a portfolio of essential skills. Students who receive their diploma in 2014 must complete their math credits at the Algebra I level or higher.

An alternative diploma (i.e., certificate of completion, certificate of attendance, modified diploma, etc.) may be awarded to students who have met some, but not all, of the district's minimum graduation requirements. Alternative diplomas will be awarded based on individual student's needs and achievement. The minimum units of credit required for alternative diplomas will be determined by the district.

Students and their parents will be notified of graduation and diploma requirements.

The district will review graduation requirements biennially in conjunction with the secondary school improvement plan. Graduation requirements may be revised to address student benchmark performance.

The district will issue a high school diploma, upon request, to a person who served in the Armed Forces², as specified in Oregon law, if the person was discharged or released under honorable conditions and has received either a General Educational Development, a post-secondary degree or has received a minimum score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.

¹These graduation requirements apply to students who receive a high school diploma on or after July 1, 2009.

²The policy applies to any person who:

1. Served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. at any time during:
 - a. World War I;
 - b. World War II;
 - c. The Korean Conflict; or
 - d. The Vietnam War;
2. Served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. and was physically present in:
 - a. Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada);
 - b. Operation Just Cause (Panama);
 - c. Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm (Persian Gulf War);
 - d. Operation Restore Hope (Somalia);
 - e. Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan); or
 - f. Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq);
3. Served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. in an area designated as a combat zone by the President of the U.S.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.035](#)

[ORS 329.095](#)

[ORS 329.451](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 332.114](#)

[ORS 343.295](#)

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[OAR 581-022-1110](#)

[OAR 581-022-1130](#)

[OAR 581-022-1210](#)

[OAR 581-022-1350](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IKFA - Early Graduation