

The School Board awards diplomas to recognize those students who have met District-established requirements for high school graduation as set forth in this policy. The high school principal is charged with documenting that all students have met the graduation criteria before recommending them for graduation.

A. Attendance/Participation Requirements:

In order to graduate, students must be enrolled in a class or have participated in an activity approved by the school board during each class period of each school day, or the students must have been enrolled in and successfully completed an alternative education program, as defined by State Statute §115.28(7)(e), or the students have met the graduation requirements as identified in an individualized education program.

Students are typically expected to be in attendance for eight semesters during their high school career. Those students interested in early graduation should consult Board Policy #345.61 for early graduation request procedures.

Transfer students from accredited public and private schools may graduate from St. Croix Central High School provided they were successfully meeting graduation requirements at their previous school at the time of transfer and meet the requirements of the St. Croix Central High School subsequent to their transfer. The minimum period of attendance shall generally include the full semester preceding the student's graduation, during which period the student earned high school credit.

Any student who transfers into the St. Croix Central High School will be required to be enrolled for a minimum of one full semester immediately preceding graduation in order to be eligible for a St. Croix Central High School diploma. At the discretion of the District Administrator and High School Principal, exceptions can be made.

B. Course Credit Requirements:

The District has established standard credit requirements for high school graduation. All required credits must be earned by completing the course with a minimum passing grade while the student was enrolled in the high school grades.

To graduate from St. Croix Central High School, a student shall complete a minimum of 24 credits that include the following:

English/Writing Composition	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Health Education	.5 credit

Personal Financial Literacy*
Additional Elective Credits

.5 credit
8.5 credits

C. Honors and Awards:

Students must be enrolled in the high school for the two full semesters of their senior year, to be considered for local scholarships. Students must be enrolled in the high school for two complete semesters prior to February 15 of the year in which they graduate, the selection date for the State of Wisconsin Higher Education Academic Excellence Scholarship (Policy #461), to be eligible for consideration for that scholarship.

Students who transfer to St. Croix Central High School prior to graduation day, the selection date for Wisconsin Technical Education Excellence Scholarship (Policy #462), must complete two full semesters before their transferred credits and grades count toward the determination of student honor status. This means that a student must spend their entire senior year at St. Croix Central to be so designated. ***At the discretion of the District Administrator and High School Principal, exceptions can be made.***

D. Procedures:

The requirements for high school graduation may change from year to year in order to comply with state law and in order to be consistent with other district policies. Graduation requirements will be printed in the high school student handbook.

LEGAL REF: Wisconsin Statutes Section §115.28(7)(e), §115.76, §118.15, §118.33

CROSS REF: 345.61 Early Graduation, 412.1 Full-time Students, 420 School Admissions, 461 Higher Education Academic Excellence Scholarship, 462 Wisconsin Technical Education Excellence Scholarship

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