

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of 25 credits is required for graduation from Cambridge High School. Additional credits may be taken beyond the minimum 25 required for graduation. Four years of high school enrollment is required, however, the Board of Education may approve early graduation, upon request, for students who have successfully met the established graduation requirements.

Graduation Requirements

1. Students must earn the following credits in order to qualify for a diploma:
 - a. Four (4) credits of English which includes English 9 (freshman year), English 10 (sophomore year), English 11 (junior year) and one credit of English electives in the senior year. Students must enroll in an English course each semester unless prior approval of the principal, or designee, is granted.
 - b. Three (3) credits of social studies which includes World History, US History and Government/Economics (.5 credits) PLUS an additional .5 credits of social studies elective(s).
 - c. Three (3) credits of mathematics which includes Algebra and Geometry and one additional credit of mathematics electives.
 - d. Three (3) credits of science which includes Biology (freshman year) and Physical Science or Chemistry (sophomore year) and one additional credit of science electives.
 - e. One-one-half (1.5) credits of physical education which includes Physical Education 9 (freshman year) and one additional credit of physical education electives.
 - f. One-half (.5) credits in health education which includes Health 9 (freshman year).
 - g. One-half (.5) credits in career development which includes CAREERS (sophomore year).
 - h. One-half (.5) credits in financial literacy which includes Personal Finance (junior year).
 - i. One (1) additional credit in any Career & Technical Education Department not used to satisfy any of the above requirements.
 - j. Eight (8) credits in elective areas not used to satisfy any of the above requirements.
2. In addition to the 25 credits, each senior student must successfully complete cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and the senior exit interview. Seniors are also expected to attend Reality Day, when offered.
3. Pass a Civics Exam as established and outlined in 2015 Wisconsin Act 55.

The District does not issue a diploma to students who pass the GED/HSED exam. However, the District may provide accommodations for students with exceptional interests, needs or requirements, including but not limited to gifted/talented students, students at-risk, English language learners or transfer students.

Enrollment Requirement

Students must be enrolled in a class or other Board approved activity during each period of the school day. A student must be enrolled in a minimum of 7.0 credits each school year unless an alternative credit schedule is approved by the building principal

.5 Credit Physical Education Exemption

A student who meets all of the following requirements shall be eligible to complete an additional one-half credit in an elective mathematics, science, English, social studies or music course in lieu of one-half credit of physical education for the purposes of meeting high school graduation requirements.

1. The student must complete three full seasons of participation in one or more WIAA sanctioned Junior Varsity, Varsity, or other district sponsored sports before becoming eligible for this exemption. In addition, the student must be actively participating in a sport the year that this exemption is granted.
2. The student must not have had any activity code violations, must have maintained academic eligibility, and must have been a team member in good standing in each activity or sport that s/he participated in.
3. The exemption utilized under this policy must be completed prior to the second semester of the student's senior year. Exemption Window is junior year or first semester of Senior year.
4. Eligible students must file an exemption request with the Counselor for review and approval after meeting the three season eligibility requirement. For graduation purposes, the counselor will keep a record of those students receiving this waiver, and the academic elective chosen in lieu of the Physical Education requirement. The deadline for applications will be the end of the junior year.
5. Any student injured and determined unable to perform during the course of his/her sanctioned season may ask for an exemption based upon medical verification of the injury and recommended time off. The request must be made in writing, with supporting documentation, to the principal's office. A review committee consisting of the Athletic Director, counselor, principal, and affiliated coach will review the appeal and render a decision. The student may appeal the decision to the superintendent within 5 working days. The review and decision by the superintendent will be final.
6. A student with a disability, who is not able to meet the requirements for participation in any of the school's WIAA or other school sponsored sports programs due to his/her disability, but who has participated in another organized physical activity approved by the Athletic Director and the Director of Special Education under similar conditions as outlined above, may also be eligible for this physical education credit option.

Administration of Policy

The Superintendent shall be responsible for the general supervision and management of the graduation of students under this policy. The Superintendent or, if assigned the responsibility by the Superintendent, the high school principal shall determine whether a student has satisfied the criteria in this policy. If a student has satisfied the policy criteria and the requirements of any other District policy applicable to high school graduation, the student may be graduated and awarded a diploma. The Superintendent or, if assigned the responsibility of the Superintendent, the High School Principal shall present a list of all students recommended to be awarded a diploma to the Board of Education for approval.

The Superintendent shall develop, review and recommend policies so that the District can help prepare students to satisfy the criteria in this policy and to otherwise implement this policy.

The Superintendent shall develop practices and procedures to inform students and parents/guardian of the policy requirements and to inform students and parent/guardian of the academic progress of students.

Graduation Ceremony

Participation in the graduation ceremony is optional. All students who have attended school on a regular basis and have earned the necessary credits for graduation will be allowed to take part in graduation ceremonies.

Students with a credit deficiency of no greater than one credit may also request administrative approval to participate. They may earn their diploma at a later date.

LEGAL REF: 115.787(2) 118.01
 118.12 118.15(1)(d)
 118.33 (1) 118.153
 118.33(1)(E) 121.02(1)(p)
 PI 13, Wisconsin Administrative Code
 PI 18
 Individuals with Disabilities Act
 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
 Title II of the American Disabilities Act

CROSS REFERENCE: 342.1, Programs for Students with Disabilities
 342.61, Alternative Off-Campus Study
 342.62, Programs and Services for English Language Learners
 343.41, Youth Options Program
 345.4, Promotion and Retention
 354, Foreign Study Programs
 420, School Admissions

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