

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

DEFINITION OF TERMS

ONE CREDIT: The amount of credit earned by passing a class which meets five days per week for the entire school year.

ONE-HALF CREDIT: The amount of credit earned by passing a class which meets five days per week for two nine week periods or one semester.

FRESHMAN - The student must have been promoted from the eighth grade.

SOPHOMORE - The student must have earned 5 credits.

JUNIOR - The student must have earned 11 credits.

SENIOR - The student must have earned 16 credits.

4 credits of English/Language Arts

3 credits of Mathematics

3 credits of Lab Science

3 credits of Social Studies

1 credit of Fine Arts

½ credit of Health

½ credit of PE

½ credit of Lakota Studies

½ credit of Personal Finance or Economics

1 credit of Required Electives (Students must select one credit of any combination: World Language, Career & Technical Education, Capstone or Service Learning.)

5 credits of Electives

TOTAL: 22 credits

Credits earned via alternative methods of instruction (college course work, telecommunications, internet, etc.) to meet graduation requirements, must have the prior approval of the principal.

Students wishing to pursue a 4-year college program after high school graduation are encouraged to pursue a Regent Scholar Diploma. Requirements for the regent's scholar diploma include the following six content areas:

4 credits of English/Language Arts
4 credits of Algebra or Higher Mathematics
4 credits of Science including 3 credits of approved laboratory science
3 credits of Social Studies
2 credits of Modern or Classical Language – Two credits must be in the same language.
1 credit of Fine Arts

In addition to...

½ credit of Personal Finance/Economics
½ credit of Lakota Studies
½ credit of PE
½ credit of Health
1 credit of Required Electives
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Additionally, high school graduates designated as Regents' Scholars automatically are admitted to all six public universities. For a student to be nominated as a recipient of the Regents' Scholar they must have 1) graduated from a South Dakota high school; 2) completed the coursework outlines above; 3) receive a "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher on all required coursework; and 4) maintained an unweighted cumulative grade point average of a "B" (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) throughout high school.

TOTAL: 22 credits

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