

FHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. All students must carry 5.0 academic credits each trimester they are enrolled in school.
2. Gr 9 students will carry 5.0 credits per trimester plus seminar.
3. It is the responsibility of each student and his/her parents to monitor progress toward graduation. This includes the number of credits and graduation requirements.
4. Students and parents are encouraged to contact the high school counselors for assistance regarding credits and requirements.
5. Minimum credits needed to graduate: 52. A passing grade is required to receive credit.
6. All students must complete 10 hours of community service to graduate.

A. English requirements (8 credits)

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| (1) English 9 -- 2 trimesters | 2 credits in grade 9 |
| (2) English 10 -- 2 trimesters | 2 credits in grade 10 |
| (3) English 11 -- 2 trimesters | 2 credits in grade 11 |
| OR IHCC Comp I and IHCC Intro to Lit (one trimester each) | |
| (4) Speech or IHCC Public Speaking | 1 credit in grades 9 -12 |
| (5) One additional course from available electives | 1 credit in grades 9-12 |

B. Social Studies requirements (6 credits)

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| (1) World Cultures -- trimester course | 1 credit in grade 9 |
| (2) Western Civilization - trimester course | 1 credit in grade 9 |
| (3) United States History --(2 trimesters) | 2 credits in grade 10 |
| (4) Must take Sociology or Psychology - trimester course | 1 credit in grade 11 |
| (5) United States Government - trimester course | 1 credit in grade 12 |

C. Science requirements (6 credits)

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| (1) Integrated Science I - 2 trimesters | 2 credits in grade 9 |
| (2) Integrated Science II -- 2 trimesters | 2 credits in grade 10 |
| (3) Integrated Science III - 2 trimesters | 2 credits in grade 11 |

D. Mathematics requirements (6 credits)

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| (1) 9th grade -choose one of the following 2 trimester courses: Algebra A/B, Algebra 1, or Geometry | 2 credits in grade 9 |
| (2) Two additional trimesters of a sequential mathematics course | 2 credits in grades 10-11 |

E. Beyond High School

1) Required course for all Juniors - one trimester

1 credit in grade 11

F. Electives

1) The remaining credits necessary for graduation are electives and may be chosen from any curricular area.

G. Physical Education

1) PE is required as an every-day course for one trimester

1 credit in grades 9-12

Opting out of P.E.:

- A student can opt out of P.E. if they participate in a Iowa High School Athletic Association sanctioned sport during each of the three trimesters. Sport rosters will be checked to verify sport participation.
- A student may opt out of P.E. for academic conflicts if the student is taking a full schedule of courses not otherwise offered for all three terms. To be eligible for academic overload, the 9th grade students need to be TAG identified and students in grades 10-12 need a GPA of 3.2.

The State of Iowa requires all students to graduate with:

- 4 years of English (8 credits)
- 3 years of Math (6 credits)
- 3 years of Social Studies (6 credits)
- 3 years of Science (6 credits)

| | Course Load Options | | | |
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| class period | Minimum Load Student Schedule | Band and Chorus | Band or Chorus | Maximum Load Student Schedule |
| | 5 credits per trimester | 5 credits per trimester | 5 credits per trimester | 6 Credits |
| 1 | Study Hall | Band | Music | Class |
| 2 | Class | Class | Class or SH | Class |
| 3 | Class | Class | Class | Class |
| 4 | Class | Class | Class | Class |
| 5 | Class | Choir | Class | Class |
| 6 | Class | Class or SH | Class | Class |
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| | $5 \times 3 = 15$ | $5 \times 3 = 15$ | $5 \times 3 = 15$ | $6 \times 3 = 18$ |
| | $15 \times 4 = 60$ | $15 \times 4 = 60$ | $15 \times 4 = 60$ | $18 \times 4 = 72$ |

Band, Choir, and PE – These courses are awarded 1 credits per trimester and are counted in the calculation of GPA.

IOWA REGENTS INSTITUTION ADMISSION

Any student enrolling at Iowa State, UNI, or U of Iowa must meet the requirements detailed in the Regents Admission Index (RAI). The formula consists of four categories: ACT score; Class Rank; GPA; and # of Core classes completed. Follow the link above to access more information regarding the index. Students considering private colleges MUST check with those colleges to understand their specific requirements.

Iowa REGENTS Foreign Language Requirements for ENTRANCE into A Regent's Institution

| | Iowa State University | University of Iowa | University of Northern Iowa |
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| Foreign Language | 2 years of a single foreign language for admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering. Foreign language courses are not required for admission to the Colleges of Agriculture, Business, Design, or Human Sciences. | 2 years of a single foreign language are required for admission. For many degrees, the fourth year of proficiency is required for graduation. Nursing - 3 years in a single language or two years each in two different languages. | Foreign language courses are not required for admission. However, two years of a foreign language in high school with a C- or above in the last term will meet the university graduation requirement. |

Links for Post Secondary Planning and Preparation

[ACT College and Career Readiness](#)

[Federal Financial Aid Checklist](#)

