

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board desires that its standards for graduation meet or exceed the minimum standards of the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) as well as State law and, further, that our high school compares favorably with other high schools in the state that are recognized for excellence.

The requirements for graduation from high school are as follows.

English Language Arts, including English 9, 10, 11, and English 12 or AP English Composition & Literature	4 units
Social Studies, including one unit each in World History, American History and one American Government	3 units
Science, with inquiry-based lab experience, including one unit each in Physical Science and Life Sciences and one unit in chemistry, physics or other physical science, advanced biology or other life science, astronomy, physical geology or other earth or space science	3 units
Math, including one unit each in Math I, Math II, or Math III or the equivalents (Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry)	4 units
Health	½ unit
Physical Education	½ unit
Electives **	6 units
Total	21 units

The statutory graduation requirements also include:

1. student electives** of any one or combination of the following: world languages, fine arts (must complete two semesters in any of grades 7-12 unless following a career-technical pathway), business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education or additional English language arts, math, science or social studies courses not otherwise required under the statutory graduation requirements;
2. ** students entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015 who are pursuing a career-technical instruction track may complete a career-based pathway math course approved by ODE as an alternative to Algebra II;
3. units earned in social studies shall be integrated with economics and financial literacy and

4. meeting all other state-requirements, including passing state-required examinations.

The District will accept credits earned towards graduation from another school chartered by ODE upon receipt of an official transcript.

The District will accept credit from a non-chartered school upon receipt of an official transcript, compliance with District regulations and confirmation by Milford School officials.

The Board requires that at the time of graduation each student will have fulfilled all academic and financial obligations.

Summer School

Summer school credits are accepted toward graduation, provided that administrative approval has been given prior to registration for the course.

Credit Flexibility Options

High school credit is awarded to students who successfully complete Board-approved educational options that count toward the graduation requirements and subject area requirements.

College Credit Plus

Credit is awarded for courses successfully completed at an accredited postsecondary institution. High school credit awarded for a course successfully completed under this section of the Ohio Revised Code counts toward the graduation requirements and subject area requirements of the District. If a course comparable to the course successfully completed is offered by the District, then comparable credit for the completed equivalent course is awarded. If no comparable course is offered, the District grants to the student an appropriate number of elective credits in a similar subject area.

Correspondence Courses

High school courses offered through correspondence courses are accepted for credit toward graduation only when they meet the following criteria.

1. Credits earned in correspondence schools directly affiliated with state universities are evaluated by the school administration for students who wish to qualify for graduation from high school.

2. Credits earned from correspondence schools not directly affiliated with an accredited college or university may not be applied toward graduation.
3. Credits earned from schools that have been established primarily for correspondence study, rather than an institution primarily for residence study, are not accepted toward graduation.

Course Work Prior to Ninth Grade

Student work successfully completed prior to the ninth grade is applied towards graduation credit if the course is taught by a teacher holding a license valid for teaching high school and is designated by the Board as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Physical Education Exemption

A student who, during high school, has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for at least two full seasons is not required to complete any physical education courses as a condition to graduate. However, the student is required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least 60 hours of instruction, in another course of study.

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Exemption

A student who has participated in JROTC for at least two full school years is not required to complete any physical education courses as a condition to graduate. In addition, the academic credit received from participating in JROTC may be used to satisfy the one-half unit of physical education and completion of another course is not necessary for graduation.

Community Service

The District offers community service education, which acquaints students with the history and importance of volunteer service and with a wide range of existing community needs. Community service opportunities may be considered an elective towards graduation.

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities may be excused from a specific graduation requirement upon inclusion of exemption in their IEP.

Graduation Requirements Opt Out

The District offers students entering the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2016, the ability to opt out of the graduation requirements in compliance with Board policy and regulations and all procedural requirements stipulated by the school.

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IGCA, Summer Schools
IGCD, Educational Options (Also LEB)
IGCH, Postsecondary Enrollment Options (Also LEC)
IGCI, Community Service
JN, Student Fees, Fines and Charges