

**MINIMUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS
FOR GRADUATION
IN THE FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The proper selection of courses by students is an important matter. Each course should be carefully selected as an integral part of the student's four year educational plan. Carefully thought-out course selections are equally important to the school district as commitments for staffing for the ensuing year are based on the student selections. Therefore, changes in student course selection should be completed by June 1.

REQUIRED COURSES FOR GRADUATION

Credits

4 English

3 Social Studies

2 Mathematics

1½ Physical Education

2 Natural Sciences

½ Health

13 Required Credits

9 Elective Credits

22 Credits required for graduation.

Each student must carry a minimum of 6 credits in grade 9, 5½ credits in grades 10 and 11 and 5 credits in grade 12. This minimum load DOES NOT include credits earned in summer school. Check with your counselor to determine if credits earned from the following may be used toward minimum requirements: independent study, work cooperative programs, community service, college courses, creative arts programs or other courses that are not part of the regular school day.

GRADUATION AND EARLY GRADUATION

To be eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies, a student must have completed all requirements for graduation.

Students wishing to graduate in less than four years must complete an Early Graduation Application at least one semester prior to graduation. This application outlines a plan for all graduation requirements to be completed in one of three timelines:

1. Before the end of the first semester of the senior year.
2. Before the end of summer school following the junior year.
3. Before the end of the second semester of the junior year.

SUGGESTED COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM

The following is the minimum suggested requirement for college preparation. It is important to check specific college requirements early in your high school planning. Some courses DO NOT meet requirements for four-year colleges. Please check with your counselor for further information.

Credits Subject

4 English/Language Arts – English 1, 2, 3, 4

3 Mathematics – Algebra 1 and higher

3 Laboratory Sciences – physical science,

biology, chemistry, or physics

3-4 Social Sciences – U.S. History, Western

Civilization, Government, Economics, Geography required by some colleges

2 Fine Arts – Orchestra, Choir, Band, Visual

Arts, Performing Arts

2 Foreign Language – (in the same language)

½ Communications

½ Computer literacy