

## SECTION III

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## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to receive a diploma from the Dubuque Community School District, a student must complete the following 46 credit requirements:

English 1-2	2 credits
English 3-4	2 credits
Writing	1 credit
Speech	1 credit
Mathematics	6 credits
Applied Learning	2 credits
Fine Arts	2 credits
Literature	2 credits
Earth/Environmental Science	2 credits
Life Science	2 credits
Physical Science	2 credits
Wellness	3.2 credits
U.S. History	2 credits
World History	2 credits
Government	1 credit
Human/Society Study	1 credit
World Cultures & Issues	2 credits
Electives	10.8 credits
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46 credits</b>

Each credit is equivalent to one semester of 90 days for five day/week courses or ½ Carnegie unit.

Prior to graduation, all students must demonstrate competency in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation as required by the State of Iowa.

Ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students are required to be enrolled in a minimum of six class periods per semester while attending Dubuque Community High Schools. Students enrolled in grade 12 may take fewer than six class periods if they are on schedule to complete minimum graduation requirements.

Students participating in athletics, music, theatre or speech activities must take a minimum of four classes in the semester prior to and during the activity to be eligible for participation.

Credits earned beyond a graduation requirement are automatically counted as Elective credits. An option to meet graduation requirements based on the Essential Elements of the Iowa Common Core is available to students with the most significant disabilities.

## SENIOR YEAR PLUS OPTIONS

**Students interested in earning college credits while in high school should contact the school counselor for information, application forms, and enrollment procedures.**

The Senior Year Plus Program provides students a way to concurrently access secondary and postsecondary credit through advanced placement, postsecondary enrollment options, and concurrent enrollment.

Student eligibility regulations and specifics regarding the Advanced Placement Program, Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program and Concurrent Enrollment Program for students is outlined fully in the district's High School Course Guide for both Hempstead and Senior.

The High School Course Guide is available on the district website at [www.dbqschools.org/high-school-course-guide](http://www.dbqschools.org/high-school-course-guide).