

### Graduation Requirements

To be eligible to receive a diploma from any Dubuque Community School District high school, a student must complete the following requirements, which include both academic credit and performance expectations:

#### Basic Skills

Credit requirements:

|             |                                   |
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| English 1-2 | 2 credits                         |
| English 3-4 | 2 credits                         |
| Writing     | 1 credit from designated courses  |
| Speech      | 1 credit                          |
| Mathematics | 6 credits from designated courses |

#### Applied Learning

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| <u>Credit requirements</u> | 2 credits from designated courses |
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#### Fine Arts

Credit requirements:

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| Fine Arts  | 2 credits from designated courses |
| Literature | 2 credits from designated courses |

#### Natural Sciences and Wellness

Credit requirements:

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| Science  | 6 credits from designated courses                                |
| Wellness | 3.2 credits from designated courses in physical education/health |

#### Social Sciences

Credit requirements:

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| U.S. History        | 2 credits                       |
| World History       | 2 credits                       |
| Government          | 1 credit                        |
| Human/Society Study | 1 credit from designated course |

## **World Cultures**

World Cultures & Issues                      2 credits from designated courses

## **Directed & Elective Credits**

Credit requirements                      10.8 credits as directed for remediation or as elected

**Total Credit Requirement                      46 credits**

A student must earn 46 credits to graduate. A student shall receive a credit upon successful completion of a semester-long course which meets the time and content criteria for accreditation set forth by the Iowa Department of Education.

Students shall demonstrate proficiency in the areas of reading, math and writing. Proficiency is demonstrated through achievement of the 41<sup>st</sup> percentile or higher on the ITED or other district identified standardized assessment. Students not meeting this standard will enroll in directed electives intended to provide remediation for their deficiencies.

Early graduates from high school must have completed necessary credits and all required subjects for graduation except that physical education is required only for the semester(s) when they are in attendance, Policy 6212.

A diploma will not be awarded until the minimum requirements are met. Students not exempt from paying fees must have their fees current and must complete all disciplinary time assigned prior to graduation.

Graduation requirements for special education students will be in accord with the prescribed course of study as described in their Individualized Education Program.

In order to receive a diploma from a Dubuque Community School District high school, a student who has been receiving competent private instruction must have earned 10.8 credits at one of those schools; and must have attended one of those schools fully enrolled (Policy 6209) for two consecutive semesters immediately prior to graduation.

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