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## **POLICY 601.1 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To ensure that the District shall proceed efficiently with the implementation of the State and local graduation requirements, including the expectation that all learners are career and college ready.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The District shall develop and maintain procedures that support and enhance the implementation of the State and local graduation requirements. Such procedures are outlined in Policy 603.

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A. Students eligible for graduation must be certified by the administration as having completed all requirements according to the State of Minnesota and School Board.

B. Students must:

1. Be provided time during the school year to participate in the State of Minnesota approved graduation assessments.
2. Complete a total of at least 65 course credits. A course credit is equivalent to a student successfully mastering the standards of the course.
3. Earn credits in the following courses:
  - a. Twelve credits of English/Language Arts, which include:
    - 1) 3 credits of English 9
    - 2) 3 credits of English 10
    - 3) 3 credits of English 11
    - 4) 3 credits of English 12
  - b. Eleven credits of Social Studies, which include:
    - 1) 1 credit of Economics
    - 2) 1 credit of Government
  - c. Nine credits of Science, which include:
    - 1) 3 credits of Physical Science
    - 2) 3 credits of Biology
    - 3) 3 credits of (either Chemistry or Physics)
  - d. Nine credits of Mathematics, which include:
    - 1) 3 credits Algebra I
    - 2) 3 credits Geometry
    - 3) 3 credits of Algebra II or an equally or more rigorous, District and state approved curriculum

- e. Two credits of Fine Arts
  - f. Two credits of Physical Education, which include:
    - 1) 1 credit of 9<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Education
    - 2) 1 credit of 10<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Education
  - g. One credit of Health
  - h. One credit of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math)
4. Complete all career and college readiness requirements as outlined in their Personal Growth Plan (PGP).

### C. Graduation

- 1. Participation in Graduation Exercises
  - a. Students who are in good standing may participate in one graduation ceremony after they have earned a minimum of 62 course credits.
  - b. A student who has completed the minimum course credits, but not their PGP goals, may participate in a graduation ceremony and continue to receive educational services until their PGP goals are met, at which time their diploma will be awarded.
  - c. Students in good standing who complete their graduation requirements, but have not yet participated in a ceremony, may choose to participate in the next scheduled graduation ceremony. No special graduation exercises will be planned.
- 2. Awarding of Diplomas
  - a. Every student will develop a PGP with assistance from District staff and have it approved by the administration, or designee. Students may complete their PGP and the requirements for a diploma in fewer than, or more than, four years.
  - b. All credits and standards counted toward graduation must meet the requirements for "Granting of Credits" outlined in Regulation 513.1.