

GRADUATION OR COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education of the Ruthven-Ayrshire Community School District that the following requirements must be met successfully in order for a student to graduate with a high school diploma.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure that students complete grades one through twelve and those high school students complete the required credits prior to graduation.

The number of credits required for Graduation from the Ruthven-Ayrshire Community School are as follows:

Class of 2014 - a minimum of 46 credits (23 Carnegie Units)

Class of 2015 – a minimum of 48 Credits (24 Carnegie Units)

Class of 2016 and beyond - a minimum of 50 credits (25 Carnegie Units)

ENGLISH.....8 semesters	P.E 8 semesters (or waiver)
.....8 credits4 credits
SCIENCES.....6 semesters	FINE ARTS 2 semesters
.....6 credits1- 2 credits
MATH.....6 semesters	VOCATIONAL..... 2 semesters
.....6 credits2 credit
SOCIAL STUDIES6 semesters	FOREIGN..... 2 semesters
.....6 credits2 credit
HEALTH.....2 semesters	CAREER STUDIES 1 semester
.....2 credits1 Credit

ELECTIVESRemainder of Credits

Following is a breakdown of required courses by years:

FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORES	JUNIORS	SENIORS
English I	English II	English III.	English IV
Unified Sci.	Biology	American History	Government
Pre-Algebra, or	World History	Health/ PE	Senior Prep
Algebra I	PE	Algebra I, Geometry,	PE
Health/ PE	Geometry or	or Algebra II, or Trig	
	Algebra II	Chemistry or other approved	
		Science Course	

One (1) credit will be given each year for Physical Education, Drivers Education, Vocal, and Instrumental music upon successful completion. In addition, students will successfully complete Titan's JAM to receive a diploma from the Ruthven-Ayrshire Community School District. 8th Grade students will successfully complete Titan's PRIDE to be eligible to move onto the high school.

Career Studies will be met by taking one of the following:

- 1) Career Mentoring
- 2) Job Shadowing
- 3) Career Research
- 4) Supervised Career Preparation

The required courses of study will be reviewed by the board annually. All students are required to enroll in physical education each semester. Exceptions are only allowed when meeting state standards for physical education waivers.

High school students transferring into the Ruthven-Ayrshire Community School will be counseled regarding graduation requirements on an individual basis.

All students are required to take at least six academic courses each semester they are enrolled at Ruthven-Ayrshire Community School. Students will not be allowed to enroll in more than seven academic courses without permission of the guidance counselor.

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

Legal Reference: Iowa Code 256.11, .11A;279.8;280.3,.14 (1991)
281 I.A.C. 12.2, 12.3(7), 12.5

Cross Reference 501 Student Attendance
505 Student Scholastic Achievement

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