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# CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION FL08.113

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from Gallatin County High School, and in support of student development goals set out in KRS 158.6451 and the Kentucky Academic Expectations, students must complete all other state and local requirements and a minimum of twenty-five (25) credits, including demonstrated performance-based competency in technology.

Beginning July 1, 2018, students wishing to receive a regular diploma must pass a civics test made up of one hundred (100) questions selected from the civics test administered to persons seeking to become naturalized citizens and prepared or approved by the Board. A minimum score of sixty percent (60%) is required to pass the test and students may take the test as many times as needed to pass. Students that have passed a similar test within the previous five (5) years shall be exempt from this civics test. This shall be subject to the requirements and accommodations of a student's individualized education program or a Section 504 Plan.

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| **SUBJECT AREAS** | | **NO. OF ELECTIVES** | **TOTAL CREDITS** |
| **Credits** | **Courses** |
| 4 – English  3 – Social Studies  4 – Mathematics  3 - Science  ½ –Physical Education  ½ – Health  1 – History & Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts | English I, II, III, IV  Geography, World History, U. S. History  Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and one (1) elective  Environmental Science, Biology, Physical Science, and one Science elective  Physical Education  Health  Humanities (2 consecutive years of visual or performing art may be substituted) |  |  |
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All required courses shall include content contained in the Kentucky Academic Standards, and electives shall address academic and career interest standards-based learning experiences, including four (4) credits in an academic or career interest based on the student’s individual learning plan.

Additional Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate, students must fulfill the following additional requirements:

1. Complete all portions of the State Assessment Program.

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Graduation Requirements

Minimum Graduation Requirements (continued)

1. Complete an Individual Learning Plan that focuses on career exploration, related postsecondary education and training needs, and courses a student intends to take. (A student plan can be altered by the student and parent.)
2. Complete and pass a Senior Culminating Project, which the student shall present to the SBDM. (This requirement shall be waived for students that are college and career ready.)
3. Follow the promotions policy in regards to grade-level assignments.
4. Meet all graduation requirements to participate in graduation exercises and graduation night.

The high school student handbook shall include complete details concerning specific graduation requirements.

Students must complete all other state and local requirements and a minimum of twenty-five (25) credits, including demonstrated performance-based competency in technology.

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| **SUBJECT AREAS** | |
| **Credits** | **Courses** |
| 4 – English  4 – Mathematics  3 - Science  3 – Social Studies  ½ –Physical Education  1 - Fine Arts  9 – Electives | English I, II, III, IV  Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Math Elective  Earth and Space Science, Biology, Physical Science or Chemistry  Integrated Social Studies, World History, US History  Physical Education  Band, Art, Drama, Chorus, Piano, Guitar  3 of the 9 elective credits must come from a career pathway |
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All required courses shall include content contained in the Kentucky Academic Standards, and electives shall address academic and career interest standards-based learning experiences, including four (4) credits in an academic or career interest based on the student’s individual learning plan.

In order to graduate, students must fulfill the following additional requirements:

1. Completion of Individual Learning Plan (ILP)
2. Complete all portions of the State Student Assessment Program including EOC, ACT, PLAN, KPREP, KOSSA and/o industry certifications

The high school student handbook shall include complete details concerning specific graduation requirements.

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Graduation Requirements

Basic Diploma (State Minimum)

As noted above, a student must receive the required number of credits in the prescribed domains to be granted a traditional Diploma from Gallatin County. While it is anticipated that all students will meet this standard, the Board recognizes there may be extenuating circumstances that prevent some students from successfully completing all the standards. In an effort to meet the needs of the total student population, students meeting the following criteria may apply for a Gallatin County Basic High School Diploma that meets the State minimum requirements as set forth in 704 KAR 3:305.

1. Receive recommendation from the Principal’s Committee for participation in the program
2. If students are under eighteen (18), must have written permission from their parent/guardian for participation in the program
3. Meet the Kentucky Minimum High School Graduation Requirements as outlined in 704 KAR 3:305

Enrollment may include one (1) or a combination of the following: regular classroom instruction, alternative classroom instruction, on-line credit recovery or cooperative work experience placements.

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| Gallatin County School District High School Graduation Requirements Basic High School Diploma | |
| **Domain** | **Number of Units** |
| Language Arts | Four (4) including English I, II, III, and IV |
| Mathematics | Four (4) including Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and one (1) math elective as provided for in the Kentucky Academic Standards (704 KAR 3:303). |
| Social Studies | Geography, World History, U.S. History |
| Science | Three (3) including Biology, physical science, and environmental science as provided for in the Kentucky Academic Standards (704 KAR 3:303). |
| Health | One-half (1/2) |
| Physical Education | One-half (1/2) |
| Visual & Performing Arts | One (1) to include a history and appreciation of visual and performing arts or another arts course which incorporates this content. |
| **Electives** | **Seven (7)** |
| **TOTAL** | **Twenty-two (22)** |

Note: All students must complete an Individual Learning Plan.

All students shall complete the required state assessments at grade levels

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Graduation Requirements

Basic Diploma (State Minimum) - continued

Students must meet additional requirements as established in 704 KAR 3:305, including a requirement to take at least one (1) language arts and one (1) mathematics class each year of high school in order to graduate. Students that do not meet the college readiness benchmarks for English and language arts and/or mathematics shall take a transitional course or intervention before exiting high school.

Other Provisions

The Board may grant different diplomas to those students who complete credits above the minimum number as established by the Kentucky Board of Education. In addition, the Board may award a diploma to a student posthumously indicating graduation with the class with which the student was expected to graduate.

The Board, Superintendent, Principal, or teacher may award special recognition to students.

Consistent with the District’s graduation practices for all students, an alternative high school diploma shall be awarded to students with disabilities in compliance with applicable legal requirements.3

In keeping with statutory requirements, the District shall accept for credit toward graduation and completion of high school course requirements an advanced placement or a high school equivalent course taken by a student in grades 5, 6, 7, or 8 if that student attains performance levels expected of high school students in the District as determined by achieving a score of "3" or higher on a College Board Advanced Placement examination or a grade of "B" or better in a high school equivalent.2

A student who is at least seventeen (17) years of age and who is a state agency child, as defined in KRS 158.135, shall be eligible to seek attainment of a High School Equivalency Diploma.

Early Graduation Certificate

Students who meet all applicable legal requirements shall be eligible for early graduation in relation to receipt of an Early Graduation Certificate. Students wishing to follow an early graduation pathway shall notify the Principal of their intent prior to the beginning of grade nine (9) or as soon thereafter as the intent is known, but within the first thirty (30) school days of the academic year in which they wish to graduate. A Letter of Intent to Apply shall be entered into the student information system by October 1 of the year the student declares intent to graduate early.4

Students working toward receipt of an Early Graduation Certificate shall be supported by development and monitoring of an individual learning plan.

Students who meet all applicable legal requirements shall be awarded a diploma and an Early Graduation Certificate.

Diplomas for Veterans

In keeping with statute and regulation, the Board shall award an authentic high school diploma to an honorably discharged veteran who did not complete high school prior to being inducted into the United States Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam War.1

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Graduation Requirements

References:

1KRS 40.010; KRS 158.140; 704 KAR 7:140

2KRS 158.622

3KRS 156.160; 20 U.S.C. sec. 1414

4KRS 158.142; 704 KAR 3:305

KRS 156.027; KRS 158.135

KRS 158.141; KRS 158.143; KRS 158.183; KRS 158.281

KRS 158.302; KRS 158.645; KRS 158.6451; KRS 158.860

13 KAR 2:020

702 KAR 7:125; 703 KAR 4:060; 704 KAR 3:303; 704 KAR 3:306

OAG 78‑348; OAG 82‑386

Kentucky Academic Standards

Related Policies:

08.1131; 08.14; 08.22; 08.222

09.126 (re requirements/exceptions for students from military families)