

Policy 0603-20

High School Credits

The Board of Trustees stipulates the following graduation requirements in accordance with standards outlined by the Idaho State Board of Education and accredited by Cognia. Our goal is to provide a clear and consistent path to graduation based on academic credits earned at the secondary school level, resulting in a diploma conferred by the West Ada School District, with all the honors and privileges granted thereto.

Credits

The Board mandates the following regarding the accumulation of credits toward graduation:

- **Allocation:** One (1) unit of credit shall be granted for successful completion of coursework per semester, with each semester equivalent to one- half (1/2) of the academic year. Credit will be recognized only for high school courses completed in accredited high schools, as per Idaho Administrative Rule. High School credit may be granted for courses taken during middle school according to a set of criteria established by the Superintendent or designee.
- **Extended Learning Opportunities:** Students may earn credits for extended learning experiences outside traditional classrooms, including enrichment opportunity, career readiness programs, internships/apprenticeships, and other educational activities (volunteering and work). Accordingly, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a set of procedures consistent with this objective which adhere to all relevant state and federal statute and regulations.

Requirements

Diplomas earned from a school must match the graduation requirements of that school, which are listed below:

	Centennial, Eagle, Meridian, Mountain View, Owyhee and Rocky Mountain High Schools	Central, Eagle and Meridian Academy High Schools & Rebound School of Opportunity	Idaho Fine Arts Academy	Virtual School House	*Renaissance High School
English	8 credits	8 credits	8 credits	8 credits	8 credits
Speech	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	N/A
Physical Education (P.E)	2 credits	2 credits	2 credits	2 credits	2 credits
Health	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit
Math	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits
Eastern Geographical Perspectives (EGP)	1 credit	N/A	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit (or equivalent)
U.S. History	4 credits	2 credits	4 credits	4 credits	2 credits
American Government	2 credits	2 credits	2 credits	2 credits	2 credits
Economics	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit
Science	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits
Digital Literacy (2028 graduated and beyond)	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit
Humanities	2 credits	2 credits	2 credits	2 credits	N/A

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Electives	22+ credits (21+ for 2028 graduates and beyond)	15 credits (14+ for 2028 graduates and beyond)	22+ credits (emphasis/ elective: music, dance, theater, visual arts, film and media arts)(21+ for 2028 graduated and beyond)	12 credits (11+ for 2028 and beyond)	16+ credits(2 in Social Studies) (15+ for 2028 graduates and beyond, 2 in Social Studies)
21st Century Skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 credit
Music or Art	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2 credits
Theory of Knowledge or Personal and Professional Skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2 credits
TOTAL	56 credits	46 credits	56 credits	46 credits	56 credits
Senior Project (Senior Project is replaced by the Future Readiness Project for 2028 graduates and beyond)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required (TOK and PPS classes for IB)

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Civics Exam	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

Students who meet the above criteria are entitled to a diploma from the West Ada School District and have achieved Graduation.
