

Salmon River Joint School District No. 243

INSTRUCTION

2701P

High School Graduation Requirements

Course and Credit Requirements

The Board is committed to maintaining a rigorous core curriculum and student performance standards designed to promote student achievement. The goal is to prepare all graduates of the District to be contributing members of society. The Board believes that the following high school graduation requirements are an important component of its commitment to students.

Students graduating after January 1, 2013 shall be expected to earn a total of 52 semester credits in order to complete graduation requirements. Special education students who have successfully completed their IEP leading to completion of high school will be awarded a diploma.

SUBJECT	REQUIRED CREDITS	
	Class of 2010-12	Class of 2013 and Beyond
English (Note 1)	8	8
Speech or Debate	1	1
Mathematics	4	6 (Note 2)
Pre-Algebra	(Note 3)	(Note 3)
Science	4 (Note 3)	6 (Note 4)
Government	2	2
US History I	2	2
US History II (Note 7)	2	2
Early American History	2	2
Economics	1	1
Humanities (Note 5)	2	2
Health/Wellness	1	1
Electives (Note 6)	19	19
Total	48	52

NOTES:

- 1 – Language study, composition, literature
- 2 – These include courses that meet Algebra I and Geometry standards. Two credits must be taken in the last year of school
- 3 – Pre-algebra must be taken before entering 9th grade
- 4 – Including four (4) credits of lab science
- 5 – Interdisciplinary humanities, visual and performing arts, or foreign language

- 6 – At least one (1) credit of electives shall be computer application/technology
- 6 – At least one (1) credit of electives shall be a career class (alternative credits allowed with school administration approval)
- 6 – At least two (2) credits of electives shall be physical education (alternative credits allowed with school administration approval)
- 7 – World History will be given during junior high school

Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT)

In addition to obtaining necessary credits as outlined above, a student will show proficiency on the Idaho Student Achievement Test (ISAT) as defined by the State Board rules. For students graduating prior to January 1, 2013, ISAT scores must be proficient or advanced in reading, math, and language usage. For students graduating in the Class of 2013 or later, they must pass the ISAT with a score of proficient or advanced in reading, math, language usage, and science.

Students who do not attain at least a proficient score on the ISAT will have the option of appealing to the Board of Trustees for relief from the ISAT proficiency requirement. Students who chose to appeal must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Must be enrolled in a special education program and have a current Individual Education Plan (IEP); or
2. Must be enrolled in a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Program; or
3. Must be enrolled in the fall semester of the senior year.

The district requires that all students who appeal from relief of the ISAT proficiency requirements must successfully complete in an alternative program equivalent to the ISAT requirement approved by the Board of Trustees in order to graduate. See Policy 2715, Secondary Route to Graduation.

Senior Project

In addition to course and credit requirements and passing the ISAT exam, students graduating in the Class of 2013 or later are required to complete a senior project. This senior project includes an oral presentation as well as a written report that will be completed by the end of grade 12.

College Entrance Exam

Students eligible for graduating beginning with the Class of 2013 must take a College Entrance Exam by the end of grade 11. This exam can be any of the following: COMPASS, ACT, or SAT exam.

Waiver of Requirement

Graduation requirements generally will not be waived. However, in rare and unique hardship circumstances, the principal may recommend and the superintendent may approve minor deviation from the graduation requirements.

Additional Credits

Credit toward graduation requirements may be granted for other credits from accredited programs, such as summer school, university courses, correspondence courses, and online/virtual courses (See Policy #2440, Alternative Credit Options).

All classes attempted at Salmon River High School and all acceptable transfer credits shall be recorded on the transcript. All grades earned, including failures and retakes, shall be recorded as such and utilized in the calculation of grade point average and class rank. Credit shall be awarded only once regardless of repetition of course.

Honor Roll

A student must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 to be placed on the honor roll. Specific information regarding honors at graduation is included in the student handbook.

Class Rank (Grade Point Average)

Class rank is compiled from semester grades. Courses not eligible for GPA are designated with an asterisk on the report card.

Early Graduation

Eight full semesters of attendance are recommended by the District for students to obtain the maximum benefit from the program of studies available. After consultation among the student, parent/guardian, superintendent or designee, the Board may permit early graduation.

Any high school student who completes the number of credits and exiting standards required by both the state and the school district prior to completing eight (8) semesters of high school work may petition the local superintendent and board of trustees to graduate early. When calculating the aggregate Average Daily Attendance (ADA) for education support program, students graduating from high school prior to the end of the school year will have their ADA for the first semester (second trimester) counted as if they were in attendance during the second semester (third trimester) of the school year.

Guidelines:

1. Students should notify the school of their interest to graduate early by the end of their junior year. Approval to graduate early must be subsequent to a conference of parents, student, and school principal. The conference and application should be submitted to the school prior to the last day of the first quarter of the fall semester.
2. Students who stay out of school the fall semester and attend the spring semester will be ineligible for athletics during the spring semester.

Additional Graduation Information

Participation in graduation ceremonies is a privilege extended to students. Students may be denied the right to participate.

To be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian the student must qualify for a diploma, and have earned 25% of the required 52 high school credits from School District #342 (2013) by the end of the 7th semester. Valedictorian and salutatorian awards will be computed at the end of the seventh semester. The final GPA will be carried out two places past the decimal.

Cross Reference:	Policy 2396	Idaho Digital Learning Academy/Salmon River Savage Academy Policy
	Policy 2440	Additional Credit Options
	Policy 2715	Secondary Route to Graduation
	Policy 2720	Participation in Commencement Exercises

Legal References:	IDAPA 08.02.01.350	Early Graduation
	IDAPA 08.02.03.105	Graduation from High School
	IDAPA 08.02.03.107	High School Graduation Standards

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