

613 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set forth requirements for graduation from the school district.

II. Minimum Graduation Requirements for Students Entering Ninth Grade In or After 2004

A. The minimum credit requirements for high school graduation are:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Full Year Credits</u>
Language Arts	4
Social Studies (including all State requirements)	3.5
Mathematics (including all State requirements)	3
Science (including all State requirements)	3
Physical Education	1
Art	1
Health	.5
Electives	7
TOTAL	23 credits

These twenty-three (23) graduation credits may be earned in grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve during the regular school year or during summer school sessions.

All students must meet Minnesota graduation and graduation assessment requirements in accordance with the timeline established by the School Board and /or the State. Exemptions to this requirement will be granted in accordance with State Rule and Law.

III. Early Completion of High School Requirements

As provided in M.S. 120B.07 - Early Graduation, early completion of graduation requirements will be permitted, but there will be only one graduation ceremony in May or June of each year.

IV. Granting of Diploma

- A. Upon completion of graduation requirements specified in this Policy 613 - Graduation Requirements, a student will be granted a standard high school diploma.
- B. Upon completion of high school or the equivalent, a student with a disability who satisfactorily attains the objectives in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be granted a high school diploma that is identical to the diploma granted to a student without a disability, as required by M.S. 125A.

Policy 613 - Graduation Requirements
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School Board
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 659
Northfield, Minnesota

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 120B.02
Minn. Stat. § 120B.018
Minn. Stat. § 120B.021
Minn. Stat. § 120B.023
Minn. Stat. § 120B.024
Minn. Stat. § 120B.07 (Early Graduation)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11
Minn. Stat. § 120B.125
Minn. Stat. § 120B.30
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0640-3501.0655 (Academic Standards for Language Arts)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0700-3501.0745 (Academic Standards for Mathematics)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0800-3501.0815 (Academic Standards for the Arts)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0900-3501.0955 (Academic Standards in Science)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1000-3501.1190 (Graduation-Required Assessment for Diploma) (repealed Minn. L. 2013, Ch. 116, Art. 2, § 22)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1300-3501.1345 (Academic Standards for Social Studies)
U.S.C. § 6301, et seq. (No Child Left Behind Act)

Cross References:

Policy 104 (School District Mission Statement)
Policy 614 (Mandated Testing)
Policy 615 (Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP, Section 504, and ELL Students)
Policy 616 (School District System Accountability)