

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students desiring to graduate from high school in the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District shall meet all State of Idaho and Pocatello/Chubbuck School District requirements. Students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 will be required to register for a five-period day with the option of an approved release period. All credits must be completed prior to graduation exercises. Also see “Credit for Courses Taken Prior to Grade 9” in this handbook.

To be eligible to graduate from high school in School District No. 25 with a diploma, a student must earn the minimum number of credits identified in the following table. Students must also demonstrate proficiency on the required Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in Reading, Language Usage and Math in order to graduate. If students do not meet proficiency on the ISAT, they must successfully fulfill the requirements of the alternate route to graduation as approved by the Board of Trustees, or the Individual Graduation Plan developed by the IEP teams in order to graduate. Beginning with the Class of 2013 and beyond, students must successfully complete a Senior Project as outlined in the English 12B curriculum that includes a research paper and oral presentation. Consequently, students graduating with a diploma from School District 25 must complete English 12B, English 101, or AP Lit/Comp. The Class of 2013 and beyond must take either the ACT, SAT, or Compass exam by the end of grade eleven (11).

The following ISAT scores are required for graduation: Reading 220, Math 238, Language Usage 226

The NCAA Eligibility Center has specific guidelines for awarding academic credit. It is highly recommended students apply to the NCAA Eligibility Center at the end of their junior year. Parents of students and/or students planning to attend a post-secondary institution under the conditions of NCAA should seek required credit information from their high school counselor and the college/university of interest. Student athletes who plan to compete beyond high school are encouraged to review the section entitled *College Bound Student Athletes* that can be found at: www.eligibilitycenter.org.

CAUTION: NCAA may not accept some online credit recovery or correspondence courses.

The minimum number of credits required for graduation is as follows:

REQUIRED SUBJECTS:	REQUIRED CREDITS FOR CLASS OF:	
	2014, 2015	2016 & Beyond
English 9th - 12th grade Each year will consist of language study, composition and literature and be aligned to the Idaho Content Standards for the appropriate grade level, a minimum of 2 credits per year, culminating with successful completion of a Senior Project for the Class of 2013 and beyond.	8	8
Speech A trimester of debate may be substituted for speech requirement.	1	1
Mathematics Math credits must include at least 2 credits Algebra I or equivalent and 2 credits Geometry or equivalent and 2 credits of the student’s choice earned the last year of high school. Note: Students must take Pre-Algebra before entering 9 th grade; Students who have completed six (6) credits of math prior to the fall of their last year of high school, including at least two (2) credits of an Advanced Placement or dual credit calculus or higher level course*, are exempt from taking math during their last year of high school. (IDAPA 08.02.03105)	6	6
Science Secondary sciences include instruction in the following areas: Biology, Physical Science, or Chemistry, Earth, Space, Environment, or approved Applied Science	6 (4 of the 6 science credits will be lab based)	6 (4 of the 6 science credits will be lab based)
Social Studies U.S. History I 9 th grade (meets 2 required elective credits per State of Idaho) U.S. History II 11 th grade U.S. History 11 th grade I, IIA, IIB Economics 12 th Grade U.S. Government 12 th Grade	0 0 3 1 2	2 2 0 1 2
Humanities	2	2
Health	1	1
Freshmen Seminar	1	0
Electives	20	21
Total Credits Required for Graduation	52	52

Transcripts of students transferring into the district shall be evaluated and waivers for specific courses shall be considered on an individual basis.

*Higher level math courses include Trigonometry, College Algebra, Calculus, and any AP math courses.

**The state will pay for one designated school-day administration of the SAT during the student’s junior year. Students who opt to take any other college entrance exam or the SAT exam on any other date will be required to pay for the exam.

See Policy #8122 for Graduation Requirements.