

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The following graduation requirements are effective for students entering Grade 9 in the school years 2000-2005, and thereafter:

English Language Arts:

- 4 credits - English 9, 10, 11, 12

Mathematics:

- 3 credits - Two of the three credits will be Algebra I and above.

Science:

- 3 credits - Coordinated and Thematic Science 9, Coordinated and Thematic Science 10, and one course above Coordinated Thematic Science 10 level.

Social Studies:

- 3 credits - United States to 1900, World Studies to 1900, and Twentieth/Twenty-First Centuries.

Physical Education:

- 1 credit

Health:

- 1 credit

The Arts:

- 1 credit

Career Majors:

- 4 credits - (Career majors are to be determined at the local school or county level.)

Electives:

- 4 credits - (chosen from the school's offerings of electives)

Credit is to be awarded based upon either demonstrated mastery of the content standards and objectives through successful completion of the course or through tested mastery of approved contents standards.

Students demonstrating mastery of instructional grade level objectives in the subjects are to be provided the opportunity to advance to the next grade level objectives.

Successful completion of Applied Math I and II is equivalent to an Algebra I credit. Applied Geometry may be substituted for a formal course of geometry.

Successful completion of Applied Math I and Applied Math II shall each count as a credit. This will satisfy the Algebra I requirement. However, students shall be required to satisfy the Algebra I requirement and achieve 1 math credit above Algebra I in order to satisfy graduation requirements. This shall meet the minimum math requirements for graduation.

With parental consent, students with a declared entry or skilled level major in vocational agriculture will, upon successful completion of a Robert C. Beach Vocational Agriculture Credit in Grade 11 or 12, be exempt from the third required unit of credit in science.

Due to a change in WV State Board Policy 2510, all students who entered Grade 9 in and after the 2004-2005 school year will be required to complete a course in Civics with one less elective credit. In addition, all students in Hardy County High Schools will be required to complete a minimum .5 credits in Introduction to Keyboarding, Basic Computer Literacy, Advanced Communications and Introduction to Majors.

Beginning with the year 2004-2005, all entering students will be required to complete 26 credits to graduate including the aforementioned credits. In addition, all students will complete three **major** course required electives and three electives to complete a career pathway. Depending on the pathway chosen, students will have differing requirements as outlined in the *Administrative Rules for the Programs of Study for the High School Student*. While a student may graduate from a Hardy County high school with the minimum of course requirements, Hardy County Schools cannot assure acceptance to post-secondary programs without completion of a Career Pathway/Major.

The following minimum graduation requirements are effective for students entering Grade 9 in the 2005-2006 school year:

English /Language Arts:

- 4 credits - English 9, 10, 11, 12

Mathematics:

- 3 credits - Two of the three credits will be Algebra I and above.
 - College bound students will need 4 math credits through Algebra II
 - All students as freshman in 2006-2007 will be required to have 4 math credits regardless of Pathway.

Science:

- 3 credits - Coordinated and Thematic Science 9, Coordinated and Thematic Science 10, and one course above Coordinated Thematic Science 10 level.
 - College bound students (Skilled or Professional Pathway) will need 4 sciences and cannot use conceptual science course credits.

Social Studies:

- 4 credits - United States to 1900, World Studies to 1900, and Twentieth/Twenty-First Centuries, Civics

Physical Education:

- 1 credit

Health:

- 1 credit

The Arts:

- 1 credit

Career Majors:

- 3 credits - (Career majors are to be determined at the local school or county level.)

Electives:

- 3 credits - (chosen from the school's offerings of electives)

Additional Requirements:

- .5 Introduction to Keyboarding
- .5 Basic Computer Literacy
- .5 Advanced Communications
- .5 Introduction to Majors
- or two credits total in these courses

All the previous information regarding Applied Math I & II and Algebra I remains as previously stated.

SOURCE: Board of Education Minutes; WV State Board Policy 2510;
Administrative Rules for Programs of Study for High School Students

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