

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board desires that its standards for graduation meet or exceed the minimum standards of the Ohio Department of Education as well as State law and, further, that our high school compares favorably with other high schools in the State that are recognized for excellence.

The requirements for graduation from Arlington High School are as follows.

English Language Arts	4 units
Math, which shall include one unit of Algebra II or Algebra II Concepts	4 units
Science, with inquiry-based lab experience, that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information, which shall include the following or their equivalent:	3 units
1 unit of Physical Science	
1 unit of Biology	
1 advanced study in one or more of the following sciences: Chemistry, Chemistry II, Physics, Active Chemistry and Physics, Science Tech, Biology II	
World and American History (I and II)	2 units
American Government	½ unit
Economics-Personal Financial Literacy and Macro Economics	½ unit
Computer Applications	1 unit
Health	½ unit
Physical Education	½ unit
Fine Arts	1 unit
Electives **	<u>5 units</u>
Total	22 units

The requirements for graduation also include:

1. \* students entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017 must take at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations “as part of the required social studies units”;
2. \*\* students entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015 who are pursuing a career-technical instructional track may complete a career-based pathway math course approved by ODE as an alternative to Algebra II;

3. \*\*\* student electives of any one or combination of the following: foreign language, fine arts (must complete two semesters in any of grades 7-12 unless following a career-technical pathway), business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education or additional English language arts, math, science or social studies courses not otherwise required under the statutory graduation requirements;
4. units earned in social studies shall be integrated with economics and financial literacy and
5. passing all state required examinations.

### Summer School

Summer school credits are accepted toward graduation provided that administrative approval has been given prior to registration for the course.

### Educational Options

High school credit is awarded to students who successfully complete Board-approved educational options that count toward the graduation requirements and subject area requirements.

### College Credit Plus and Post Secondary Enrollment Options

Credit is awarded for courses successfully completed at an accredited postsecondary institution. High school credit awarded for a course successfully completed under College Credit Plus, or where applicable, the former Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program, counts toward the graduation requirements and subject area requirements of the District. If a course comparable to the course successfully completed is offered by the District, then comparable credit for the completed equivalent course is awarded. If no comparable course is offered, the District grants to the student an appropriate number of credits in a similar subject area.

### Correspondence Courses

High school courses offered through correspondence courses are accepted for credit toward graduation only when they meet the following criteria.

1. Credits earned in correspondence schools directly affiliated with state universities are evaluated by the school administration for students who wish to qualify for graduation from high school.
2. Credits earned from correspondence schools not directly affiliated with an accredited college or university may not be applied toward graduation.
3. Credits earned from schools, which have been established primarily for correspondence study, rather than institution primarily for residence study, are not accepted toward graduation.

### Coursework Prior to Ninth Grade

Student work successfully completed prior to the ninth grade is applied towards graduation credit if the course is taught by a teacher holding a license valid for teaching high school and is designated by the Board as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

### Community Service

The District offers community service education, which acquaints students with the history and importance of volunteer service and with a wide range of existing community needs. Community service opportunities may be considered an elective towards graduation.

### Graduation Requirements Opt Out

The District does not offer students the ability to participate in the Opt Out program.

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CROSS REF.: IGBM, Credit Flexibility  
IGCA, Summer Schools  
IGCD, Educational Options (Also LEB)  
IGCH, College Credit Plus (Also LEC)  
IGCI, Community Service  
JN, Student Fees, Fines and Charges