

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (Reference Policy 6:300)

Unless otherwise exempted, each student must successfully accomplish the following in order to graduate from high school:

1. Complete all District graduation requirements that are in addition to the State requirements, as listed in the Academic Handbook.
2. Complete all courses as provided in The School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-22, according to the year in which a student entered the 9th grade.
3. Complete all minimum requirements for graduation as specified by Illinois State Board of Education rule, 23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.440.
4. Pass an examination on patriotism and principles of representative government, proper use of the flag, methods of voting, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Take the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) unless the student is exempt according to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64.

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for: (1) maintaining a description of all course offerings that comply with the above graduation requirements, (2) notifying students and their parents/guardians of graduation requirements, (3) developing criteria for determining when a student accomplishes number 4 as well as a method of recording that fact in the student's school record, and (4) complying with State law requirements for students who transfer their senior year because their parent(s)/guardian(s) are on active military duty, this includes making reasonable adjustments to ensure graduation if possible, or efforts to ensure that the original (transferor) school district issues the student a diploma, and (5) taking all other actions to implement this policy.

Students must meet the following course and credit requirements to graduate. These course/credit requirements are defined by and include the district's learning goals and standards. Specific information about each requirement is available at each site.

In order to receive a diploma from a District 214 high school, a student must

1. earn a minimum of 4.0 units of credit in English;
2. earn a minimum of 3.0 units of credit in mathematics (including 1 unit of algebra 1 [algebra 60, 61, 62, and 63, or 66 and 67, or 70 and 71, or 74 and 75, or 80 and 81, or 90 and 91] and 1 unit of geometry [64 and 65, or 72 and 73, or 82 and 83 or 92 and 93] unless otherwise approved by an associate principal for instruction or an assistant principal for student services);
3. earn a minimum of 2.0 units of credit in science;
4. earn a minimum of 3.0 units of credit in social science;
5. earn a minimum of 1.0 unit of credit in the career and technical education program or the world language program (including American Sign Language);
6. earn a minimum of 0.5 unit of credit in health education;
7. earn a minimum of 0.25 unit of credit in physical education for each semester of attendance in District 214 except the semester the student is enrolled in health;
8. earn a minimum of 0.25 unit of credit by passing the Driver Education Classroom course (09650) which includes 30 hours of classroom instruction. This requirement can be met with credit through the successful completion of a commercial driver education program or waived with credit for students possessing a valid Illinois driver's license;
9. pass a course(s) that meet(s) the fine arts requirement;
10. pass an examination covering the federal and state constitutions, the Declaration of Independence, and flag etiquette;
11. meet the consumer education requirement (see Consumer Education Requirement);
12. enroll in District 214 as a full-time (2.75 credits) student for at least one semester and earn a minimum of 2.75 District 214 credits;
13. take the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) or, if eligible, the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM); and
14. earn a minimum of 21.0 units of academic credit.