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PROFICIENCY-BASED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Policy

It is the policy of the Mountain Views School District to ensure students can engage in rigorous, relevant and comprehensive learning opportunities that allow them to demonstrate proficiency in literacy, mathematics, scientific inquiry, global citizenship, physical education, artistic expression, and transferable skills. A student meets the requirements for graduation when the student demonstrates evidence of proficiency in these curriculum content areas, and when they meet any additional graduation requirements described by this Board.

The District will use credits for the purpose of demonstrating that a student has met the graduation requirements and fulfilled the characteristics of the Portrait of the Graduate. Credits will specify the proficiencies demonstrated in order to attain a credit and shall not be based on time spent in learning. Students will receive credit for learning that takes places outside of the school, school day, or the classroom, provided that any credits earned occur under the supervision of an appropriately licensed educator.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2009 and Following

To graduate from Woodstock Union High School, a student must earn 25 credits. The required distribution is as follows:

6 credits:	Arts, Language, & Literature (4 English, 1 Arts, 1 other)
7 credits:	Math, Science, Technology (3 Math credits, 3 Science credits, and 1 Math, Science or Technology credit)
3 credits:	Social Studies (3 Social Studies including U.S. History)
2 credits:	Wellness
7 credits:	Electives

These are the minimum number of credits required; all students are encouraged to earn more than the minimum. If a student does not meet credit requirements by the designated date set forth, and has been appropriately notified, then that student will not graduate with his/her class or be allowed to participate in any graduation ceremonies.

Commencement of independent study programs and alternative credit accrual must be done with prior administrative approval. Documentation of completion of these courses must be submitted to the administration.

Grade Status

- 1. Credits for a high school diploma are earned beginning with the freshman year. The only exceptions that the Administration can consider are: French I, Spanish I, Spanish II, Accelerated Algebra and Accelerated Geometry. These classes will not be calculated in GPA.
- 2. Grade status is determined by the number of credits earned, not by the number of years in attendance.
- 3. Minimum Class Standing requirements:
 - a. in order to be a sophomore a student must have earned a minimum of 6 credits
 - b. in order to be a junior a student must have earned a minimum of 12 credits
 - c. in order to be a senior a student must have earned a minimum of 19 credits

Early Graduation-Senior Status

A junior who applies for Early Graduation will be recognized as a senior with completion of nineteen credits and the completion of the first semester. They will not be eligible for Valedictorian or Salutatorian.

Student Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of and monitor completion of graduation requirements and to know the status of credits earned and anticipated.

Graduation Ceremony

Participation in, and attendance at, the graduation ceremony at Woodstock Union High School is a privilege, not a right. This privilege is subject to administrative discretion.

Graduation Procedures

The Principal shall create procedures to ensure students and parents are kept informed about a student's progress towards meeting these graduation requirements.

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