

4 AAC 06.075. High school graduation requirements.

(a) Each chief school administrator shall develop and submit to the district board for approval a plan consisting of district high school graduation requirements. The plan must require that, before graduation, a student must have earned at least 21 units of credit.

(b) Specific subject area units-of-credit requirements must be set out in each district plan and must require that, before graduation, a student must have completed at least the following:

(1) language arts - four units of credit;

(2) social studies - three units of credit;

(3) mathematics - two units of credit for students graduating from high school on or before June 30 2017, and three units of credit for students graduating from high school on or after July 1, 2017;

(4) science - two units of credit; and

(5) health/physical education - one unit of credit.

(c) Transfer students who have earned 13 units of credit while in attendance outside the district may, at the discretion of the district, be excused from the district subject area units-of credit requirements.

(d) Beginning January 1, 2009, the three units of credit in social studies required under (b)(2) of this section must include one-half unit of credit in Alaska history or demonstration that the student meets the Alaska history performance standards. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a student who

(1) transfers into an Alaska public school after the student's second year of high school; or

(2) has already successfully completed a high school state history course from another state.

(e) If a district awards units of credit for world language courses, it shall also award units of credit for postsecondary world language courses or world language courses offered by tribes or tribal entities.

(f) In this section, "unit of credit" means the credit that a student is awarded for achieving a passing grade in a course of study by meeting the content standards for a course of study as prescribed by a local school board.

(g) In this section, "world languages" means non-English languages including Alaska Native, American Indian, and American Sign Language.

Statutory Authority: AS 14.07.020; AS 14.07.060