

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

New Mexico statutes and Public Education Department regulations shall be used as a basis for determining both the credit value of courses and graduation requirements.

In order to graduate, a student must have completed the following credits:

<u>Graduating Class</u>	<u>Credits</u>
2006 – 2007 and thereafter	25
2012 – 2013 and thereafter	26

The following courses and credits must be included for the following graduating classes:

Graduating Class of 2010 – 2011

English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits ¹
Social Studies	4 credits ⁴
Science	3 credits ²
Communication Skills	1 credit ³
Physical Education	1 credit ⁵
Career/Technical	1 credit
<u>Total Elective Credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>
Total Credits Required	25

Graduating Class of 2011 – 2012

English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits ¹
Social Studies	4 credits ⁴
Science	3 credits ²
Communication Skills	1 credit ³
Physical Education	1 credit ⁵
Career/Technical	1 credit
<u>Total Elective Credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>
Total Credits Required	25

Graduating Class of 2012 – 2013

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits ⁶
Social Studies	4 credits ⁴
Science	3 credits ²
Communication Skills	1 credit ³
Physical Education	1 credit ⁵
Career/Technical	1 credit
<u>Total Elective Credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>
Total Credits Required	26⁷

Graduating Class of 2013 – 2014

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits ⁶
Social Studies	4 credits ⁴
Science	3 credits ²
Communication Skills	1 credit ³
Physical Education	1 credit ⁵
Career/Technical	1 credit
<u>Total Elective Credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>
Total Credits Required	26⁷

Graduating Class of 2014 – 2015

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits ⁶
Social Studies	4 credits ⁴
Science	3 credits ²
Communication Skills	1 credit ³
Physical Education	1 credit ⁵
Career/Technical	1 credit
<u>Total Elective Credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>
Total Credits Required	26⁷

Graduating Class of 2015 – 2016

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits ⁶
Social Studies	4 credits ⁴
Science	3 credits ²
Communication Skills	1 credit ³
Physical Education	1 credit ⁵
Career/Technical	1 credit
<u>Total Elective Credits</u>	<u>8 credits</u>
Total Credits Required	26⁷

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Graduating Class of 2016 – 2017

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits ⁶
Social Studies	4 credits ⁴
Science	3 credits ²
Communication Skills	1 credit ³
Physical Education	1 credit ⁵
Health	1/2 credit ⁸
Career/Technical	1 credit
Total Elective Credits	7 1/2 credits
Total Credits Required	26⁷

- ¹ At least one of the three mathematics credits must be equivalent to Algebra I or a higher level course.
- ² Beginning with students entering the ninth grade in school year 2009 – 2010, two of the three science courses shall include a laboratory component.
- ³ Courses in business education or a language other than English, both of which emphasize writing and speaking, may substitute for the required communication skills credit.
- ⁴ The Social Studies requirement includes at least one-half credit in New Mexico History.
- ⁵ The required Physical Education course must include a health component within its curriculum that must last at least one nine weeks grading period.
- ⁶ Beginning with students entering the ninth grade in school year 2009-2010, at least one of the four mathematics credits must be equivalent to Algebra II or a higher level course, unless waived for individual students pursuant to Section 22-13-1.1.I(2), NMSA 1978.
- ⁷ Beginning with students entering the ninth grade in school year 2009-2010, at least one credit must be earned through Advanced Placement (AP), honors, dual credit, or online (distance learning).
- ⁸ Beginning with students entering the ninth grade in school year 2013-2014, at least 1/2 credit must be earned in a Health course, separate from the Physical Education course.

Course requirements may be adjusted by the local Board of Education, as deemed necessary.

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Prior to the end of eighth grade, students are to have a *Next Step Plan* developed by the middle and high schools in consultation with the student and the student's parents. This plan shall be reviewed and modified in each year as the student progresses toward graduation.

Each student must complete and file a final "Next Step Plan" for post-high school goals as a condition for receiving a high school diploma.

No student shall receive a high school diploma who has not successfully passed a state competency exam in all areas as prescribed by New Mexico statute and/or regulation.

An acceptable digital portfolio, approved by the student's mentor and the principal, is a requirement for graduation.

Seniors must carry full class loads unless excused by the principal. If an exception is granted, an alternative program best suited to the student must be implemented. Students in danger of not meeting all graduation requirements shall be notified as early as possible. Seniors and their parents/guardians shall be notified at the beginning of both the first and second semesters if it appears they may not have enough credits to graduate.

II. SPECIAL SITUATIONS

Military Transfers

A high school student required to transfer to an out-of-state school due to the military transfer of the student's parents, who are members of the New Mexico National Guard or the armed forces of the United States, may request that a diploma be issued by Lordsburg High School. The student must meet the guidelines and comply with the requirements of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated regarding military dependent transfers, and their courses and grades must meet or exceed New Mexico's requirements for graduation as determined by the District.

Special Education

Completion of graduation requirements for special education students who do not meet the required units of credit shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the special education course of study and the individualized education program of the student.

Early Graduation

Early high school completion may be approved on a case-by-case basis by the superintendent in order to meet the needs of particular students. Students desiring early graduation must submit a written request to the high school principal during the first half of the semester preceding the semester of desired completion. The request must contain the reasons for the request and the written approval of the student's parents or guardian. All graduation requirements must be met by the early completion date.

The superintendent shall evaluate each request for early graduation and will ensure that parents or guardian are informed of any restrictions or limitations to be placed on the student in the event the request is approved, including restrictions on extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

Diplomas will be awarded only at the conclusion of the Spring semester. However, final transcripts will be provided as soon as the high school requirements have been met.