

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible to receive a diploma from any Dubuque Community School District high school, beginning with the class of 2025, a student must complete the following requirements:

English Language Arts	8 credits
English	7 credits from designated courses
Speech	1 credit
Mathematics	6 credits
	6 credits from designated courses
Science	6 credits
Earth/Space Science	2 credits from designated courses
Life Science	2 credits from designated courses
Physical Science	2 credits from designated courses
Wellness	4 credits
Wellness	4 credits from designated courses in physical education
Social Studies	6 credits
U.S. History	2 credits
World History	2 credits
Government	1 credit
Behavioral Sciences	1 credit from designated courses in psychology/sociology
Financial Literacy	1 credit
	1 credit from designated Financial Literacy course or 2 credits of AP Economics
Electives	13 credits
	13 credits from designated elective courses
	44 CREDITS TOTAL

A student must earn 44 credits to graduate. A student shall receive a credit upon successful completion of a semester-long course that meets the time and content criteria for accreditation set forth by the Iowa Department of Education.

Early graduates from high school must have completed necessary credits in all required subjects for graduation except that physical education is required only for the semester(s) when they are in attendance, Policy 6212.

A diploma will not be awarded until the minimum requirements are met. Students not exempt from paying fees must have their fees current and must complete all disciplinary time assigned prior to graduation.

Graduation requirements for special education students will be in accord with the prescribed course of study as described in their Individualized Education Program.

In order to receive a diploma from a Dubuque Community School District high school, a student who has been receiving competent private instruction must have attended one of those schools fully enrolled (Policy 6209) for two consecutive semesters immediately prior to graduation.

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