



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Graduation Requirements

The River Valley Board of Education holds high standards for graduation requirements and feel strongly that all students complete 24 credits before receiving a diploma.

In order for a student to receive an official River Valley High School diploma, the student must have been in attendance in a recognized public or private high school for at least the three consecutive semesters prior to and including the semester of graduation. (This does not include those students who were short credits at the scheduled time of graduation and have subsequently completed current credits.) The student must have successfully completed all credits or other requirements currently in effect. The diploma shall be dated and granted at the end of the school year in which all graduation requirements are met.

- A. The successful completion of 24 credits shall be required for graduation from River Valley High School. Courses taken prior to completion of the eighth grade will not be counted toward graduation credits unless otherwise specified through additional Board policy. The required credits for graduation include the following:

English	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Science	2 credits
Math	2 credits
Physical Education	1 1/2 credits
Health	1/2 credit
Elective Courses	11 credits

- B. The student must have been enrolled in Board-approved activity or alternative education program for each class period of each school day during the high school grades. Examples include, but are not limited to: classroom instruction, independent study programs, cooperative education programs, work study programs, homebound instruction, Youth Options Program courses, courses as another public high school under the part-time public school open enrollment program, approved alternative education programs, approved program or curriculum modifications for individual students, district-sponsored field trips, community service, and approved co-curricular activities.
- C. If a student does not meet the requirements of A and B above, the student may appeal to a "Graduation Review Committee" (G.R.C.). The G.R.C. will be appointed by the building principal and will include, but is not limited to, the department chairperson of each failed subject area, another teacher who taught the student in the failed subject area(s), the principal and the guidance counselor. The G.R.C. will review the student's high school performance including all grades, extracurricular activities, summer school experience, community service, mentoring activities, other assessments, and any other factors deemed to be relevant by the G.R.C. to determine if the student's overall high school performance, ability, and experience warrants graduation.

G.R.C. established accommodations may be made in determining academic performance necessary to meet high school graduation requirements for students with exceptional educational interests, needs, or requirements consistent with state law and established district policies and procedures.

NOTE: Parents or guardians may appeal to the Board of Education a decision to not recommend their student for graduation. Such an appeal must be made by filing a written request to the Superintendent within 15 days of receiving written notice of the decision to not recommend their student for graduation. The Board of Education will hold a closed session hearing within 30 days of the appeal.

The District Administrator shall be responsible for the general supervision and management this policy. The High School Principal shall determine whether a student has satisfied the criteria in this policy. If a student has satisfied the policy criteria and the requirements of any other District policy applicable to high school graduation, the student may be graduated and awarded a diploma.

The District Administrator shall develop practices and procedures to inform students and parents/guardians of the policy requirements and to inform students and parents/guardians of the academic progress of students.

LEGAL REF: Sections 115.92 Wisconsin Statutes
118.153
118.33
121.02(1)(p)
PI 18, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF: Policy #345.51 - Early Graduation
Policy #345.52 - Graduation Exercises
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