



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~~ (26 credits starting with the Class of 2018) 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~~ (26 credits starting with the Class of 2018) 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:

Required Credits

~~13 credits for the Class of 2016~~
~~15 credits for the Class of 2017~~
15.5 credits ~~for the Class of 2018 and beyond~~

English	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Science	2 credits (Increases to 3 credits starting with the Class of 2017)
Math	2 credits (Increases to 3 credits starting with the Class of 2017)
Physical Education	1.5 credits (see Policy #345.54- .5 Credit Physical Education Exemption)
Health	.5 credit
Economic and Financial Literacy	.5 credit <u>starting with the Class of 2018</u>
State Required Civics Test	must pass

Starting with the Class of 2017, it is required that students pass the State required Civics Test in order to graduate.

Elective Credits

~~11 credits for the Class of 2016~~
~~9 credits for the Class of 2017~~
10.5 credits ~~for the Class of 2018 and beyond~~

Starting with the Class of 2018, It is recommended that students earn 3 credits toward graduation by earning 1 credit in the Fine Arts, 1 credit in the Humanities, and 1 credit in Career and Technical Education (CTE). Students that fulfill this additional recommendation will be awarded an additional Laude Point.

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, 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 the high school principal to convene a Graduation Review Committee (GRC). The GRC will be appointed by the building high school principal

