

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**General Graduation Requirements** include successful completion of the 24-credit Standard Diploma (*see Board Policy 6146*) and 8 semesters of coursework. The 8 semesters of coursework may be waived for students wishing to graduate early. In order to be a candidate for early graduation, a student must have 17 credits earned by the first day of their third year of high school. Students must still obtain the 24 credits necessary for graduation. Student early graduation requests must be submitted to the school board by the end of the first quarter grading period in the school year from which they intend to graduate early. High School credits earned in middle school can apply to high school graduation requirements.

A student must meet the General Graduation Requirements. Students may choose one of the following credit requirements. A **Standard Diploma** (*see Board Policy 6146*) meets the General Graduation Requirements. An **Advanced Diploma** (*see Board Policy 6146*) requires a minimum of twenty-eight (28) credits to be completed before graduation.

**Language Arts** requires 4 credits. Students must earn 2 credits of Literature and 2 credits of Writing from the approved list (see below).

Literature	Writing
Alaska Native Literature	College 111
American Autobiography	Creative Writing
American Novel	Composition: Expository
American Poetry	Journalism
British Novel	Composition: Narrative/Personal
	Essays
British Poetry	Journalism
College 211	Composition: Research
Drama	Technical/Business Writing
Dystopian Literature	Composition: The 5-Paragraph Essay
Fables, Folktales & Mythology	
Science Literature	

\*A main focus of all High School Writing Courses will be on grammar/mechanics, syntax and style. Sentence Combining exercises will be used in each writing class. Students will receive independent grammar/mechanics, syntax, or style assignments differentiated by MAP scores.

**Science** requirements for the Standard Diploma requires a minimum of three (3) lab credits of high school level science: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, etc. The Advanced Diploma requires four (4) lab credits of high school science.

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**Social Studies:** All high school students must earn a .5 credit of Alaska Studies and a .5 credit of American Government. To earn a Standard Diploma, students must earn an additional 2 credits of Social Studies credits: US History, World History, Economics, etc. Students earning an Advanced Diploma must earn an additional 3 credits of Social Studies.

\*All high school students are expected to read a minimum of 1,000 pages of reading per quarter. These pages may be a combination of assigned and self-selected reading. Extended reading assigned in any class can be counted towards these 1,000 pages.

**Mathematics** requires a minimum of three courses for a Standard Diploma. To receive an Advanced diploma, students must have four courses at or above the level of Algebra I.

\*When and where appropriate, MAP scores will be used to determine individual practice exercises.

**Vocational Requirements:** All high school students must complete a .5 credit of Job Skills/Career Exploration, a .5 credit for completing their Senior Project, and an additional vocational credit of their choice.

**Fine Arts:** To earn a Standard Diploma, students must complete one credit of Fine Arts: Music, Art, Foreign Language, etc.. Students earning an Advanced Diploma must complete 2 credits of the same Foreign Language.

**Physical Education:** All students must earn a minimum of one credit. A .5 credit can be earned for participating and finishing a complete season of a Wrangell High School sanctioned sport.

**Health:** All students must earn a .5 credit of health.

Both diplomas require students to earn an additional 6.5 credits of student choice electives.

\*Teachers may submit additional courses for approval to the Curriculum Committee.

Wrangell School District believes that students should take charge of their own education and explore and develop their personal academic/artistic interests. To facilitate this belief, Wrangell students are encouraged to develop their own independent coursework. Except under unusual circumstances approved by the building administrator, these courses will earn elective credit. (*see Exhibit 6146*).

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