

FOR ACTION: Policy 5127, GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, Second Reading**STATEMENT OF POLICY**

In order to support the attainment of high levels of achievement by all students as defined by the Profile of a Graduate, the Board of Education, after careful consideration of the High School Graduation Requirements imposed by the Governor Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Department of Education, and the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby direct the establishment of the following graduation requirements. These requirements will begin with those students who enter as freshmen in the Fall of 2007.

This action is taken to prepare students to compete in a global economy.

The staff, as directed by the Superintendent, shall continue to monitor and review the impact of graduation requirements upon the students of the district and report their findings in periodic information reports through the Superintendent.

Required Units of Credit

The units of credit will be broken down as follows:

Subject	Units	Specifics
English	4.0	4.0 units must be English Language Arts
Mathematics	4.0	1.0 unit of Algebra I; 1.0 unit of Geometry; 1.0 unit of Algebra II, and an additional math class in the senior year**
Science	3.0	1.0 unit of Biology; 1.0 unit of Physics or Chemistry, and 1.0 additional unit of science
Social Science	3.5	0.5 unit of Civics; 0.5 unit of Economics; 0.5 Unit of American Government; 1.0 unit of World History and Geography; 1.0 unit of U.S. History
Health/PE	1.0	1.0 Unit of Health/PE; Marching Band courses and participation on an interscholastic athletic team may be substituted for Physical Education credit. (Dance 1 and 2 at S-L only)
Visual and Performing Arts	1.0	
Michigan Merit	0.0	All students must take the Michigan Merit Exam as required by the State Board of Education during the 11 th grade
Electives	5.5	2.0 units of World Languages strongly recommended
TOTAL	22 Credits	

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**** Algebra I**

Southfield Public Schools students may receive credit for Algebra I during the 8th grade if they meet all required Algebra I course/credit expectations.

Michigan Merit Exam

The State Board of Education also requires that all high school students take the Michigan Merit Exam, or the alternate MI-ACCESS assessment for students with disabilities; and that all students complete at least one on-line credit course or learning experience.

Summer School

In order to be considered for approval to repeat a course in summer school, a student must have attended a semester course for a minimum of 60 hours. Summer school courses must satisfy North Central Association requirements of 60 hours of study.

Early Completion

Early completion of high school should be considered carefully. Consultation with the school counselor will be necessary for early completion. Official request must be submitted prior to the beginning of the senior year.

Career and Technical Education

Career and Technical Education courses may substitute for core academic courses.