

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from Stratford Senior High School, a student must meet the following requirements:

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1. Students must be enrolled in a class or participating in a Board-approved activity during each class period of each school day while attending high school.
2. Students must carry a minimum of 3.25 credits per semester in grades 9 through 12.
3. Students must successfully complete 26 credits in high school, including:
 - A. four credits in English to include English 9, English 10, and English 11;
 - B. three credits in social science to include US History, American Government and World History (~~beginning with class of 2018~~);
 - C. three credits in science to include Biology;
 - D. three credits in math;
 - E. 1.5 credits in physical education to include PE 9;
 - F. 0.5 credit in health;
 - G. 0.5 credit in Personal Finance (beginning with class of 2018);
- ~~4. Students must have completed a minimum of five major components of the Stratford ACP checklist for each grade level of high school. Students must complete a school counselor-approved exit interview and senior portfolio, which includes:~~
 - ~~A. Resume~~
 - ~~B. Cover Letter~~
 - ~~C. Letter of Recommendation~~
 - ~~D. Two Artifacts from each year of High School (8 total)~~
 - ~~E. One Artifact reflection from each year of High School (4 total)~~
5. Students must pass the civics graduation exam.

Accommodations may be made for students with exceptional educational needs, interests or requirements.

Early Graduation

Students may apply for early graduation (either one or two semesters early) using the district approved form, provided they will have met all graduation requirements. Any student requesting early graduation for the end of their junior year (two semesters early) will be eligible for valedictorian and salutatorian distinctions with the class in which they graduate. Scholarship and award language will determine if a student that graduates early will be eligible for a given

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scholarship or award. Some scholarships and awards require a student to have senior status to be considered for recognition. Students that graduate early can request to participate in the commencement ceremony held during the year they graduate. Applications for early graduation must be submitted to the principal at least 6 months before the end of the term they wish to graduate.

Graduation From a Board Authorized Charter School of the District

The School District of Stratford participates as a consortium member of the Rural Virtual Academy (RVA). Resident students attending the RVA high school program must meet the graduation requirements of this policy to receive a Stratford High School diploma and to participate in the Stratford High School graduation commencement ceremony. Students wishing to pursue a Stratford High School diploma and participate in the commencement ceremony must make a formal request to the High School Principal by the end of 1st semester of their senior year.

Diploma for Qualified Veterans

In the event that a qualified veteran, as determined under state law, requests the Board to award a high school diploma, the request shall be filed with the District Administrator and brought to the Board for review and approval.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 115.28(7)(e)1: 115.915; 118.13; 118.15; 118.35; 118.153; 118.33; 120.13(37); 121.02(1)(p) and Chapter 115, Subchapter V of Wisconsin Statutes as well as PI 18 and PI 25 of Wisconsin Administrative Code

The district administrator or his/her designee shall determine whether a student has satisfied the criteria in this policy.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Board Policy. 3434, Youth Options

Board Policy 3436, Course Options

Board Policy 3453, Promotion and Retention of Students

Board Policy 4600, Student Awards and Scholarships

Board Policy 4610, Academic Excellence Higher Ed. Scholarship

Board Policy 4620, Selection of Valedictorian and Salutatorian
Board Policy 4630, Technical Excellence Scholarship

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Application for Early Graduation

Applications for early graduation must be submitted to the principal at least 6 months before the end of the term they wish to graduate.

Student Name: _____ **Current grade:** _____

- I am requesting early graduation at the end of **(first / second)** semester of the _____ - _____ **school year**. At that time, I will have met all graduation requirements.
- I have read Board Policy 3454 and understand that I may not qualify for certain awards and distinctions.
- I also understand that upon graduation I become ineligible for course and youth option opportunities through my high school.
- **I have attached my transcript.**
 - ☐ I choose not to participate in commencement exercises.
 - ☐ I am requesting to participate in commencement exercises on _____.

Student signature

Date

I support my child's request for early graduation.

Parent name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

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To be completed by the school counselor:

Numbers of credits completed: _____/26

Number of credits currently enrolled: _____

Civics graduations exam passed: _____yes _____no

Required Course	Completed (X)	Enrolled (X)
English 9		
English 10		
English 11		
English Elective:		
US History		
American Government		
SS Elective: (Class 2016 and 2017 only)		
World History (starting with Class 2018)		
Biology		
Science Elective (1 cr):		
Science Elective (1 cr):		
Math Elective:		
Math Elective:		
Math Elective:		
PE 9		
PE Elective (.5 cr)		
PE Elective (.5 cr)		
Health (.5 cr)		
Personal Finance (.5 cr) (starting with Class of 2018)		

Counselor signature_____
Date_____
Principal signature_____
Date_____
District Administrator signature_____
Date

Comments:

