

ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy Manual

345.6

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from Almond-Bancroft High School and receive a diploma, a student in the District must meet the requirements set forth in this policy.

No student shall be awarded a diploma unless he/she has earned a minimum of 24 credits, including four credits of English, three credits of social studies, two credits of science, two credits of mathematics, one and one-half credits of physical education, one-half credit of health, one-fourth credit of career education, and 10.75 additional credits. Students must also have been enrolled in a class or participating in a Board-approved activity during each class period of each school day while attending high school, and have been enrolled in a high school program for four years, except as otherwise.

In addition, a student must meet the following criteria in order to receive a diploma:

1. Academic Performance Criterion – A student must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for seven semesters.
- Complete a District-approved individual remediation plan. The remediation plan will be based upon identified needs from individual assessment and/or the results obtained on the 10th grade Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination. Some examples of remediation activities may include

but are not limited to: summer school, correspondence courses, extended day instruction, student designed project(s), technical college courses or American College Test (ACT) score of 22 or higher. For students with disabilities, meeting the requirements outlined in their individualized educational program (IEP) may satisfy this requirement.

A student who has met the credit requirements and the academic performance criterion shall be awarded a diploma. If a student does not meet the academic performance criterion, he/she must meet the teacher recommendation criterion below in order to receive a diploma.

2. Teacher Recommendation Criterion – A student will earn a diploma if he/she meets the credit requirements and the student passes a review conducted by a committee consisting of at least five of the following people: the Secondary School Principal, the high school guidance counselor, and three teachers selected by the student (two of whom have to be from different core areas). A majority vote of this committee shall be the determinant of the student's eligibility for a diploma. Criteria reviewed by the committee will include but not be limited to: attendance, behavior, effort, attitude, portfolio and other extenuating circumstances. A parent/guardian and/or an adult student who disagrees with the final decision of the committee may appeal the decision to the School Board.

The Board or its designee may modify the above graduation requirements for extenuating circumstances, consistent with applicable legal requirements.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 115.787 Wisconsin Statutes
 115.915
 118.13
 118.15(1)
 118.153
 118.30
 118.33
 118.35
 118.52(3)(d)2
 118.55
 120.12(17)
 120.13(37)
 121.02(1)(p)
PI 13, Wisconsin Administrative Code
PI 18
PI 40

CROSS REF.: 110, Educational Philosophy
341.3, Health Education (*delete reference if this policy is deleted from the policy manual*)
341.5, Physical Education (*delete reference if this policy is deleted from the policy manual*)
342.1, Programs for Students with Disabilities
342.3, Gifted and Talented Program
342.4, Programs for Children at Risk
342.6, Services for English Language Learners
343.41, Correspondence Courses (Other than those taken through the Youth Options Program)
343.42, Youth Options Program
345.1, Grading Systems
345.61, Early Graduation
345.62, Graduation Ceremonies
346, Student Testing Programs
351, Summer School
411, Equal Educational Opportunities
423, Public School Open Enrollment
431, Student Attendance
Children at Risk Plan
Special Education Handbook

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