

STUDENT INSTRUCTION

Graduation Requirements

Four (4) units of English,
 One (1) unit of American History,
 One (1) unit of American Government,
 One (1) unit of social science,
 Two (2) units of science,
 Three (3) units of mathematics,
 Two (2) units of health enhancement which must include one and one-half (1.5) units
 of physical education and one-half (.5) of health education,
 One (1) unit of fine arts,
 One (1) unit of career and technical education (Voed),
 Seven (7) electives.

A total of 23 credits will meet the requirement for graduation.

Students may directly petition the Superintendent to waive Helena Public Schools' course requirements that exceed the minimum state requirements for graduation, as outlined in Rule 10.55.905 of the Montana School Accreditation Standards.

The Superintendent may grant waivers based on individual student needs, hardships, aspirations, and performance levels.

Educational Disruption

If a student who has experienced an educational disruption meets the minimum high school credit requirement for graduation as established by administrative rules of the Board of Public Education but will not meet a higher credit requirement established by Board of Trustees, the District shall award the student a diploma. The District may distinguish the diploma in a reasonable manner from standard diplomas issued under this policy.

For the purposes of this policy, "educational disruption" means a disruption experienced during grades nine through twelve caused by homelessness, involvement in the child welfare system or juvenile justice system, a medical or mental health crisis, or another event considered a qualifying educational disruption by the District.

Legal References:	10.55.906, ARM	High School Credit
	10.55.905, ARM	Graduation Requirements
	§ 10-1-1402, MCA	Montana Youth Challenge
	House Bill 246	Revise education laws to enhance local control and opportunities for pupils
	§ 20-1-101, MCA	Definitions (<i>Revised by House Bill 246</i>)

§ 20-3-324, MCA Powers and duties (*Revised by House Bill 246*)
§ 20-7-118, MCA Offsite provision of educational services by school district (*Revised by House Bill 246*)
§ 20-4-101, MCA System and definitions of teacher and specialist certification --student teacher exception (*Revised by House Bill 246*)

Cross References:

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