Students

Graduation

To participate in commencement exercises or receive an Arlington Public Schools diploma a student must fully complete all requirements for graduation prior to the official commencement exercises, and complete other administrative requirements or conditions.

It shall be the policy of Arlington Public Schools that to be eligible for graduation from Arlington High School, the candidate must have earned a minimum of 260 semester hours credit in grades 9 through 12 inclusive.

Further eligibility for graduation shall require the candidate to present a minimum of 40 earned semester hours credit during the school year in which he/she intends to graduate. Credit hours will be computed in accordance with the Nebraska Department of Education. All students must be enrolled as a full-time student at the time of their graduation.

Satisfactory completion of the following courses must be presented in the candidate's record:

<u>Language Arts</u> – 45 credit hours	
English 9	10
English 10	10
English 11	10
Effective Communications	5
English 12	10
Social Studies – 35 credit hours	
World Geography	10
World History	10
American History-20 th Century	10
American Government	5
Mathematics – 30 credit hours	
Algebra I*	10
Geometry	10
Math Elective	10

^{*} Students who passed Algebra I as an 8th Grader will meet the 30 credit hour requirement with additional math electives.

Science – 30 credit nours	
Science Inter/Physical Science	10
Biology	10
Science Elective	10

Practical Arts – 20 credit hours

Introductory Computers 5 Computer Applications 5

Remaining credits can be obtained from Business, and/or Consumer/ Family Science, and/or Industrial Education, and/or additional computer classes.

Physical Education – 20 credit hours
Physical Education I/Health 10
P.E. Electives 10

Fine Arts – 10 credit hours

*These credits can be earned in the areas of Instrumental (10), Vocal Music (10), Art (10) or a combination Of Art (5) and Music 9(5)

Electives – 70 credit hours

Exceptions to these requirements may be made by the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, who will support the recommendation with justifiable reasons. A complete record of the recommendation and of the action taken upon it by the Board shall be included in the minutes. The candidates for graduation shall be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

A student who has not met the requirements for graduation but who has attended school regularly may, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, be granted a Certificate of Attendance. Students receiving a Certificate of Attendance shall not be eligible to participate in graduation exercises.

Written notification will be made to parents of students who are in danger of not earning an academic diploma. It shall be required that the candidate have eight (8) semesters experience in grades 9-12.

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