

StudentsGraduation

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, except as otherwise required by state law. Students who graduate from Arlington Public Schools must accumulate **260** hours.

The total graduation requirements must include the following core curriculum:

Language Arts – 45 credit hours

English 9	10
English 10	10
English 11	10
Beginning Speech	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 hours

Physical Science	10
Biology	10
Science Elective	10

Practical Arts – 20 credit hours

Information Technology I	5
Information Technology II	5
Personal Finance and Business Economics OR Wealth Building Fundamentals and Personal Finance	5
Additional credits (student choice)	10

Physical Education – 20 credit hours

Physical Education I/Health	10
P.E. Electives	10

Fine Arts – 10 credit hours
*Student Choice

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.

Each student shall also complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid prior to graduation, unless the required opt-out form is completed by either: (1) the student's parent or legal guardian; (2) the Principal, if the Principal determines that good cause exists not to require the student to complete the FAFSA; or (3) an emancipated student or student of at least 19 years of age.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this policy, a student who is or was under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court and placed in out-of-home care at any time during the student's high school enrollment shall be eligible to graduate from the District if (1) the student, at any point in time, was enrolled in high school in the District, and (2) the student has met the minimum graduation requirements established by state law.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-729
 Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-3003
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