

GRADUATION

In conjunction with the approval of the Grade Advancement/High School Graduation Policy, the School District of New Berlin has adopted the state standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

To qualify for graduation a student shall have earned at least 24 credits in the areas required through the State of Wisconsin and School District of New Berlin.

The School District of New Berlin will not deny any person admission to, participation in, or the benefits of any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person's gender, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.

Credits

A total of 24 credits will be required, including the following:

- 4.0 credits of English
- 3.0* credits of Social Science (*1 credit of United States 20th Century History or AP US History and 1 credit of World Studies or AP Human Geography)
- 3.0 credits of Science (1 credit of physical science and 1 credit of biological science)
- 3.0 credits of Mathematics (Algebra 1 and two credits beyond)
- 1.5** credits of Physical Education
- 0.5 credits of Speech
- 0.5 credits of Health
- 2.0 credits: Any combination of Fine Arts, Vocational, and/or Foreign Language
- 6.5 credits of electives

Credits of foreign language, high school mathematics (Algebra I and beyond), and high school science (Biology and beyond), taken prior to registration in the 9th grade, will count for high school credit to meet graduation course requirements and to meet the 24 credit requirement provided the course is taught by a teacher who is properly licensed at the high school level. Although the credits earned will apply to the 24 credit graduation requirement, neither grades nor credits earned prior to 9th grade, will be calculated into the students high school grade point average.

Graduating Class of 2017 and Beyond - Students will need to take, during the high school grades, a civics test comprised of 100 questions that are identical to the 100 questions that may be asked of an individual during the process of applying for U.S. citizenship by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and correctly answer at least 60 of those questions to graduate. (Section 3266R, 118.33(1m)(a)1.) Students with an I.E.P. need to take the assessment but do not need to pass (60/100 correct) to graduate. The School District shall permit a limited- English proficient pupil, as defined in s.15.955 (7) to take the civics test in the pupil's language of choice. A student may retake the civics test until he/she scores 60/100.

Each student must meet the High School Graduation Requirements as listed in this document and as required in the State of Wisconsin.

** High school students who actively participate and complete 95% of a school sponsored sport season or 90+ hours of a state/nationally sanctioned sport (i.e., USA Gymnastics Association, National Wheelchair Basketball Association, etc.) may complete an additional .5 credit in English, mathematics, science, social studies, or a health elective in lieu of the final .5 credit of their physical education requirement.

While not considered WIAA sanctioned sports, all school sponsored sports, including cheerleading, poms and dance qualify for this waiver, as well as that of participation in 90+ hours of a non-school sponsored state/nationally sanctioned sport.

The course in lieu of the final .5 credit of their physical education requirement must be completed by the end of the first semester of the senior year.

Students must not have had an athletic code violation which led to a suspension during the sport season to be eligible for the course in lieu of the final .5 credit of their physical education requirement.

The Athletic/Activities Department in conjunction with Student Services will award this .5 Credit Waiver to any/all students upon successfully completing their first athletic season in good standing. Students who wish to use this waiver in lieu of the final .5 credit of their physical education requirement must disclose their additional course selection with an academic counselor.

If a student does not “make the team,” the student is responsible for alerting the Counselor, so that alternate scheduling plans may be made as needed.

In order to have students engaged in as many academic opportunities as possible, students are required to schedule courses for the duration of their day attending school. Students will be allowed no more than one full open period, per semester, in their schedule to allow one, full period, study hall. A full period of study hall is defined as one complete class period as an unassigned classes/course hour. Exceptions, based on learning needs of the student, can be made by the superintendent or designee.

All credit courses that are satisfactorily completed will count towards graduation.

Participation in commencement exercises is optional. Students will be required to have completed all graduation requirements in order to be allowed to participate in commencement exercises. Exception: If a student has passing grades into the last week of school but fails a course in the final days of the semester, he/she will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises but will receive his/her diploma only after graduation requirements are met.

Double blocked courses that meet each day will be equal to 2 credits.

(*12/15/14 revisions effective for the Class of 2018, current 2015-2016 sophomores.)

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