

## ALTERNATIVE/ SPECIALTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS PROCEDURE

### Publication of Graduation Requirements

1. Prior to registering in high school, each student will be provided with a copy of the current graduation requirements.
2. Graduation requirements shall also be included in the student handbook.
3. High School Course Description Handbooks will be made available in the counselors' offices as well as online.

### Credit Requirements

1. Students graduating from a specialty/alternative high school must earn, at a minimum, 46 credits as required by State Board Rule in order to complete graduation requirements. Each specialty/alternative high school may require additional credits for graduation.
2. Of the total 46 credits, 29 credits must be taken from core-class requirements.
3. Graduation requirements for special education may be altered according to their Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

### Core-Area Instruction Required for Students Attending a Specialty High School

1	Core Area		Total Required Credits
	<b>English Language Arts and Communication</b>		9 credits
	English (language study, composition, literature)	8 credits	
	Speech or Debate	1 credit	

2	<b>Mathematics</b>		6 credits
	Algebra I or courses that meet the Idaho Algebra I content standards	2 credits	
	Geometry or courses that meet the Idaho Geometry Content Standards	2 credits	
	Mathematics of the student's choice	2 credits	

3	Core Area (continued)		Total Required Credits
	Science		6 credits
	Physical Science	2 credits	
	Biology	2 credits	
	Science course of student's choice	2 credits	
4	Social Studies		5 credits
	Government	2 credits	
	U.S. History	2 credits	
	Economics & Financial Literacy	1 credit	
5	Humanities		2 credits
	Interdisciplinary humanities, visual and performing arts, foreign language, literature, history, philosophy, architecture, or comparative world religions may satisfy the standards if the course is aligned to the Idaho Interdisciplinary Humanities Content Standards.		
6	Health/Wellness		1 credit
	All public school students who enter grade nine (9) in Fall 2015 or later, shall receive a minimum of one (1) class period on psychomotor cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training as outlined in the American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines for CPR to include the proper utilization of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) as part of the Health/Wellness course		
Total			29 credits

### Technical Careers High School (TCHS) Additional Requirements

Students graduating from TCHS will be required to meet the following credit requirements for each graduating class

Content Area	Credits
English Language Arts	11
Math	7
Science	6
Social Studies	7
Humanities	2
Technology and Engineering	1
Health	1
Senior Project	1
Electives	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

## **Senior Project**

A student shall complete a senior project that includes a research paper and oral presentation by the end of grade twelve (12) if required by the State Board of Education.

## **Testing Requirements**

### **Civics Test**

1. All students graduating from any Bonneville Joint School District No. 93 High School must be proficient in the state civics and government content standards either through the completion of the civics test or an alternate path and it shall be noted on the student's high school transcript.
  - a. Students will be given multiple opportunities to meet this standard. Students are expected to take the test until they earn a passing score.
  - b. Students who are not able to earn a passing score on this assessment will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the state civics and government standards in an alternate manner.
  - c. A teacher assigned to teach U.S. History, Government, or Economics may certify that the student has met this requirement through an alternate method.

### **Waiver of Requirement**

1. All state graduation requirements shall be met.
2. Only in rare and unique hardship circumstances, may the Principal recommend minor deviation from the District's graduation requirements to the Superintendent of Schools for approval.

### **High School Credit Earned in Middle School**

Students who complete high school courses in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be given high school credit pursuant to Idaho Administrative Code 08.02.03, Section 105.05.