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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Beginning in 2019-2020, every student must complete the following units (unit=1 credit) of course work to graduate:

1. The following units are required for all students:
 - A. 4 English
 - B. 3 Social Studies -- including US History, $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of US Government and $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of Economics or 1 unit of Problems of Democracy (POD), & 1 unit or $\frac{1}{2}$ units of any other Social Studies
 - C. 3 Natural Sciences – physical science, biology & one or two other science
 - D. 3 Mathematics
 - E. 1 Physical Education -- may include $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of health
 - F. 1 Technology- Word Processing
 - G. 3 Units of:
 - a. Foreign Language
 - b. Native American Languages
 - c. Fine Arts
 - d. Career and Technical Education Courses
 - H. 1 Online course – (AP, Distance Ed, Dual Credit)
 - I. 5 Electives or more

TOTAL UNITS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION -- 24

2. Students in the graduating class of 2020 will be grandfathered in at 22 units. Students graduating in 2021 will need 23 units. Students graduating in 2022 will need 24 units.
3. Break down of credits: Need to have passed **5 credits** to be a **Sophomore**, Need to have passed **11 credits** to be a **Junior**, and need to have passed **17 credits** to be a **Senior. Credits needed to graduate are 24 or more credits.**
4. Students will receive $\frac{1}{4}$ credit for drivers education. Band and choir will be assigned $\frac{1}{2}$ credit each ($\frac{1}{4}$ credit per semester). A total of two music units may be part of the total seven units of electives. Students can receive $\frac{1}{4}$ credit per year with a max of one credit to be earned during their high school career while participating in a varsity sport that is sponsored by the NDHSAA. If a student is in multiple sports, it would still only count as a $\frac{1}{4}$ credit for that year.
5. All students enrolled in **grades 9-12** will carry a **minimum of 6 units per year**. Individual education programs may require variations, however. These variations must be approved by the high school principal.
6. Common eligibility for **both** ND Academic & Career Technical Education (CTE) Scholarships: 22 or more credits; at least **“C”** in each unit or $\frac{1}{2}$ unit credit; cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale based on 22 or more credits; complete 1 unit of Algebra II and ACT score of 24 or higher.

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7. ND Academic Scholarship eligibility requirements: **1 unit of math** for which **Algebra II** is a **prerequisite**; 2 units of the same foreign language or career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study; 1 unit from foreign language, fine arts or career and technical education; 1 unit AP course and exam or $\frac{1}{2}$ unit dual credit course.

8. ND CTE Scholarship eligibility requirements: 4 units of career & technical education in which **2 units** must be from a **coordinated plan of study** recommended by ND Career & Technical Education; 1 unit of a foreign language or sign language or fine arts or career & technical education.