


INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271  
Bloomington, Minnesota

**REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION**

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: May 29, 2018

SUBJECT: Revised Policy 601.1, Graduation Requirements

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Academic Services


APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET MEMBER: Eric Melby   
Assistant Superintendent

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**RESOLUTION FOR BOARD TO ADOPT:**

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 601.1, Graduation Requirements.

**RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT:**

Approve. 

**BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of Policy 601.1 is to ensure that the District shall proceed efficiently with the implementation of State and local graduation requirements, including the expectation that all students are career and college ready.

On May 17, 2018, the School Board Policy Committee reviewed draft revisions to Policy 601.1 and the accompanying regulation, prepared and presented by Administration. The committee discussed the draft revisions. The committee made no additional edits to the Policy.

A suggested edit was made to the regulation by the committee and is reflected in the accompanying regulation.

This Policy is not mandatory according to the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA).

The District's legal counsel has reviewed the Policy.

Adopted: June 22, 1998  
Revised: March 10, 2008  
September 20, 2010  
December 12, 2011 (No Change)  
August 10, 2015  
School Board Revised: May 29, 2018 [Routine Review]  
Contact Person: Assistant Superintendent

## **POLICY 601.1 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To ensure that the District shall proceed efficiently with the implementation of the State and local graduation requirements, including the expectation that all learners are career and college ready.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The District shall develop and maintain procedures that support and enhance the implementation of the State and local graduation requirements. Such procedures are outlined in Policy 603.

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## **REGULATION 601.1 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **I. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Students eligible for graduation must be certified by the administration as having completed all requirements according to the State of Minnesota and School Board.
- B. Students must:
  - 1. Be provided time during the school year to participate in the State of Minnesota approved graduation assessments.
  - 2. Complete a total of at least 65 course credits. A course credit is equivalent to a student successfully mastering the standards of the course.
  - 3. Earn credits in the following courses:
    - a. Twelve credits of English/Language Arts, which include:
      - 1) 3 credits of English 9
      - 2) 3 credits of English 10
      - 3) 3 credits of English 11
      - 4) 3 credits of English 12
    - b. Eleven credits of Social Studies, which include:
      - 1) 1 credit of Economics
      - 2) 1 credit of Government
    - c. Nine credits of Science, which include:
      - 1) 3 credits of Physical Science

- 2) 3 credits of Biology
- 3) 3 credits of (either Chemistry or Physics)
  
- d. Nine credits of Mathematics, which include:
  - 1) 3 credits Algebra I
  - 2) 3 credits Geometry
  - 3) 3 credits of Algebra II or an equally or more rigorous, District and state approved curriculum
  
- e. Two credits of Fine Arts
  
- f. Two credits of Physical Education, which include:
  - 1) 1 credit of 9<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Education
  - 2) 1 credit of 10<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Education
  
- g. One credit of Health
  
- h. One credit of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math)
  
4. Complete all career and college readiness requirements as outlined in their Personal Growth Plan (PGP).

## C. Graduation

1. Participation in Graduation Exercises
  - a. Students who are in good standing may participate in one graduation ceremony after they have earned a minimum of 62 course credits.
  
  - b. A student who has completed the minimum course credits, but not their PGP goals, may participate in a graduation ceremony and continue to receive educational services until their PGP goals are met, at which time their diploma will be awarded.
  
  - c. Students in good standing who complete their graduation requirements, but have not yet participated in a ceremony, may choose to participate in the next scheduled graduation ceremony.

No special graduation exercises will be planned.

2. Awarding of Diplomas

- a. Every student will develop a PGP with assistance from District staff and have it approved by the administration, or designee. Students may complete their PGP and the requirements for a diploma in fewer than, or more than, four years.
- b. All credits and standards counted toward graduation must meet the requirements for "Granting of Credits " outlined in Regulation 513.1.