

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE BOARD POLICY

## INSTRUCTION

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

#### GRADUATION / SEPARATION

345.6

#### Requirements

Although it is a total Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade responsibility to educate children, the secondary school courses required for graduation shall be structured to ensure that students in the School District of Pittsville have the opportunity to fulfill the requirements for graduation from a varied and well-defined curriculum. There are two diploma programs offered at Pittsville High School:

- 1) **Regular Diploma Program** - To graduate from Pittsville High School with a regular diploma, a student must earn 28 credits or as determined by the student's IEP. The following are required to graduate:

|                         |                               |    |            |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b> | English                       | 4  | Credits    |
|                         | Math                          | 3  | Credits    |
|                         | Social Studies                | 3  | Credits    |
|                         | Science                       | 3  | Credits    |
|                         | Physical Education            | 1½ | Credits    |
|                         | Career and Financial Literacy | ½  | Credits ** |
|                         | Health                        | ½  | Credit     |
|                         | Electives                     | 13 | Credits    |

\*\*Not required for graduation, but all students will be scheduled into a Career and Financial Literacy course.

NOTE: Junior High health will count towards health graduation requirement, but not toward the 28 credit requirement. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who earn credits in math, science, and foreign language will be awarded high school credit ~~and grade points~~ but the grade will not be counted in the high school GPA.

- 2) **Basic Skills Diploma Program (as stipulated on final High School Transcript)** - To graduate from Pittsville High School with a Basic Skills diploma, a student must earn 15 credits or as determined by the student's IEP. The following are required to graduate:

|                         |                    |    |         |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----|---------|
| <b>Required Courses</b> | English            | 4  | Credits |
|                         | Math               | 3  | Credits |
|                         | Social Studies     | 3  | Credits |
|                         | Science **         | 3  | Credits |
|                         | Physical Education | 1½ | Credits |
|                         | Health             | ½  | Credit  |

\*\* Science, engineering or technology with two of those years as traditional science or science equivalency courses.

A Basic Skills Diploma program will be offered to students designated as "At Risk" students by the High School Principal due to extreme credit deficiency. The program aligns itself to the Wisconsin State credit minimum for receiving a High School Diploma. Students must apply for this diploma to become eligible. Final approval will be made by a Graduation Committee, consisting of the High School Principal and Guidance Counselor.

Transfer Credits and Virtual School Programming

A student may transfer high school credit from an outside agency, but requires that the high school principal approves such classes in advance to students registering for such coursework. Such courses taken outside of the school through an outside agency will be at the students/parents own expense. 67.5 clock hours are used to determine a half credit on the high school transcript. In general, one post-secondary credit is equivalent to .25 of a high school credit. The request must be submitted by the parent of the student to the high school principal before final approval is given. The approval will determined whether the credits are in required courses or elective course work. (This paragraph does not include Youth Options programming).

Civics Test Graduation Requirement

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, in order to be eligible for a District high school diploma, a student must have taken and successfully completed the state-required civics test while enrolled in the high school grades in the District, or as determined by the administration, in another qualifying school or program. For students with disabilities who have an individualized education program (IEP), this requirement shall be modified or waived to the extent provided by the student's IEP and/or by applicable law.

Graduation Requirements

The Board may approve a course or courses in Career and Technical Education that it determines may satisfy up to a total of one credit or mathematics and/or science credit.

**Legal Reference:** Wisconsin State Statute 118.33, High School Graduation Standards

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