

Guidelines

Student ● Graduation Requirements 5460

Graduation Requirements

In order for a student to graduate from the Columbus School District, the student must complete 26 credits of study. Of the 26 credits, 13 are required under state statute – 4 credits in English language arts, 3 in social studies, 2 in mathematics, 2 in science, 1.5 in physical education, and .5 in health education. In addition, the district requires that at least .5 credit in the fine arts and 1 credit in a vocational or technical course be obtained.

To be considered for a diploma, the student must acquire credits as outlined. Decision-making then is based on fulfilling the other criteria. Should the student meet the test score criterion, a student is eligible to receive a diploma. If the test score criterion is not met, the student's academic performance is reviewed. If the student meets the academic performance definition, the student is eligible to receive a diploma. If the student does not meet the academic performance criterion, the student needs to secure four letters of recommendation. If a student meets the teacher recommendations criterion, the student is eligible to receive a diploma. If the student does not meet the teacher recommendations criterion, the student is denied a diploma.

Other criteria for graduation are:

High School Graduation Test:

- ❑ Receiving a score of meets/exceeds standards on three or more of the four sub-tests that comprise the state-developed High School Graduation Test

Academic Performance:

- ❑ Demonstrating academic performance by achieving a grade point average of 1.5 or above OR successfully completing one Academic Placement course, one course offered through Youth Options, or one coop work experience

Teacher Recommendations

- ❑ Securing three letters of recommendation from teachers from whom the student has taken courses attesting to the student's knowledge and skill levels and recommending that the student be granted a diploma.