

Education Program

Series 500

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Students must successfully complete the courses required by the board and Iowa Department of Education in order to graduate.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure that students complete grades one through twelve and that high school students complete 22 credits prior to graduation. The following credits will be required for graduation:

Graduation requirements: Total Carnegie Units required: 22 Credits at MHS assigned on an equivalent basis to Carnegie Units (.5 Units = 1 Semester).

Courses required:

English Language Arts (4 credits)		Science (3 credits)	
English 9 or Honors English 9	1	Physical Science	1
English 10 or Honors English 10	1	Biology	1
English 11 or		Chemistry Elective	1
AP English	1		
English Electives	1	Math (3 credits)	
		Algebra 1	1
		Math Electives	2
Social Science (3 credits)		Physical Education(2 credits)	
World History	.5	Passed each semester enrolled.	2
American History II	1		
American Government	.5		
Financial Literacy	.5	Electives	<u>7</u>
Behavioral Science	.5		
—		TOTAL	22

The required courses of study will be reviewed by the board annually.

Beginning with the class of 2022, graduation requirements for special education students will include successful completion of four years of English, three years of math, three years of social studies, and three years of science.

Students who complete a regular session in the Legislative Page Program of the general

assembly at the state capitol will be credited ½ credit of social studies.

Students enrolled in a junior officers' training corp will receive 1/8th physical education credit for each semester the student is enrolled in the program.

Transfer Students:

The amount of credit transferred from a previous school will be translated into our credit system and awarded on a comparative basis depending on time spent in class. If the student has not previously attended an accredited school, the principal shall determine the amount of credits to be transferred.

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