

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

Subject/Area	KHS	Community or Vocation	Four Year College	Selective College / University
English	Minimum 4 Credits	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Mathematics	Minimum 3 Credits	3 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Science	Minimum 2 Credits	3 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Social Studies	Minimum 2 Credits	2.25-2.50 Years	3 Years	3 or 4 Years
World Language	Minimum 1 Credit	None Required	2 Years	2 to 4 Years
3.5 Credits - equivalent substitution or exemptions** See PE Waiver section in the KHS course planning guide.				
Physical Education				
Health	.5 Credit			
Electives	Minimum 4.0 Credits			

Students must also successfully complete the following specific coursework or show mastery of competencies within the years of specific subjects or competencies in order to graduate:

* Math must include Algebra I and Geometry

* Science must include a life science and a physical science

* Social Science must include U.S. History and American Government, which must cover the U.S. Constitution

* Financial Literacy or course of equivalent substitution (Dual Enrollment, Economics or consumer education)

Total Required: 20 Credits

Credits are .5 per semester course,

unless otherwise indicated by language in a student's IEP, 504 or Roadmap to Success

Other Requirements:

* SAT (administered during spring of junior year) or, if not taken junior year, the ACT Test

*FAFSA Completion

**Evidence of physical health and well-being could include PE courses, participation in sports, JROTC, fine arts, KACC, Dual Credit, counseling, or volunteer service hours.

***World Language may be completed with evidence of a Seal of Biliteracy or world language test exemption. World Language preparation may be recommended or required by colleges or universities. State-supported universities in Illinois may accept vocational education or fine arts courses in lieu of foreign language. Check with your counselor for details.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

Subject/Area	KHS	Community or Vocation	Four Year College	Selective College / University
English	Minimum 4 Credits	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Mathematics	Minimum 3 Credits	3 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Science	Minimum 2 Credits	3 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Social Studies	Minimum 2 Credits	2.25-2.50 Years	3 Years	3 or 4 Years
World Language	Minimum 1 Credit	None Required	2 Years*	2 to 4 Years
3.5 Credits - equivalent substitution or exemptions** See PE Waiver section in the KHS course planning guide.				
Physical Education				
Health	.5 Credit			
Electives	Minimum 4.0 Credits			

Students must also successfully complete the following specific coursework or show mastery of competencies within the years of specific subjects or competencies in order to graduate:

* Math must include Algebra I and Geometry

* Science must include a life science and a physical science

* Social Science must include U.S. History and American Government, which must cover the U.S. Constitution

* Financial Literacy or course of equivalent substitution (Dual Enrollment, Economics or consumer education)

Total Required: 20 Credits

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Other Requirements:

* ACT Test (administered during spring of junior year)

*FAFSA Completion

**Evidence of physical health and well-being could include PE courses, participation in sports, JROTC, fine arts, KACC, Dual Credit, counseling, or volunteer service hours.

***World Language may be completed with evidence of a Seal of Biliteracy or world language test exemption. World Language preparation may be recommended or required by colleges or universities. State-supported universities in Illinois may accept vocational education or fine arts courses instead of foreign language courses. Check with your counselor for details.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2027

Subject/Area	KHS	Community or Vocation	Four Year College	Selective College / University
English	Minimum 4 Credits	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Mathematics	Minimum 3 Credits	3 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Science	Minimum 2 Credits	3 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Social Studies	Minimum 2 Credits	2.25-2.50 Years	3 Years	3 or 4 Years
World Language	Minimum 1 Credit	None Required	2 Years	2 to 4 Years
3.5 Credits - equivalent substitution or exemptions** See PE Waiver section in the KHS course planning guide.				
Physical Education				
Health	.5 Credit			
Electives	Minimum 4.0 Credits			

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* Social Science must include U.S. History and American Government which must cover the U.S. Constitution

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Other Requirements:

* ACT Test (administered during spring of junior year)

*FAFSA Completion

**Evidence of physical health and well being could include PE courses, participation in sports, JROTC, fine arts, KACC, Dual Credit.

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2028

Subject/Area	KHS	Community or Vocation	Four Year College	Selective College / University
English	Minimum 4 Credits	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Mathematics	Minimum 3 Credits	3 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Science	Minimum 2 Credits	3 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Social Studies	Minimum 2 Credits	2.25-2.50 Years	3 Years	3 or 4 Years
World Language	Minimum 1 Credit	None Required	2 Years	2 to 4 Years
3.5 Credits - equivalent substitution or exemptions** See PE Waiver section in the KHS course planning guide.				
Physical Education				
Health	.5 Credit			
Electives	Minimum 4.0 Credits			

Students must also successfully complete the following specific coursework or show mastery of competencies within the years of specific subjects or competencies in order to graduate:

* Math must include Algebra I and Geometry

* Science must include a life and a physical science

* Social Science must include U.S. History and American Government which must cover the U.S. Constitution

* Financial Literacy or course of equivalent substitution (Dual Enrollment, Economics or consumer education)

Total Required: 20 Credits

Credits are .5 per semester course,

unless otherwise indicated by language in a student's IEP, 504 or Roadmap to Success.

Other Requirements:

* ACT Test (administered during spring of junior year)

*FAFSA Completion

**Evidence of physical health and well being could include PE courses, participation in sports, JROTC, fine arts, KACC, Dual Credit.

***World Language may be completed with evidence of a Seal of Biliteracy or world language test exemption. World Language preparation may be recommended or required by colleges or universities. State-supported universities in Illinois may accept vocational education or fine arts courses in lieu of foreign language. Check with your counselor for details.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2029

Subject/Area	KHS	Community or Vocation	Four Year College	Selective College / University
English	Minimum 4 Credits	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Mathematics	Minimum 3 Credits	3 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Science	Minimum 2 Credits	3 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Social Studies	Minimum 2 Credits	2.25-2.50 Years	3 Years	3 or 4 Years
World Language	Minimum 1 Credit	None Required	2 Years	2 to 4 Years
3.5 Credits - equivalent substitution or exemptions** See PE Waiver section in the course planning guide.				
Physical Education				
Health	.5 Credit			
Electives	Minimum 4.0 Credits			

Students must also successfully complete the following specific coursework or show mastery of competencies within the years of specific subjects or competencies in order to graduate:

* Math must include Algebra I and Geometry

* Science must include a life and a physical science

* Social Science must include U.S. History and American Government, which must cover the U.S. Constitution

* Financial Literacy or course of equivalent substitution (Dual Enrollment, Economics or consumer education)

Total Required: 20 Credits

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Other Requirements:

* ACT Test (administered during spring of junior year)

*FAFSA Completion

**Evidence of physical health and well being could include PE courses, participation in sports, JROTC, fine arts, KACC, Dual Credit.

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Students who are alternatively placed, including but not limited to AVIS/RAAC/SALT, will comply with the State of Illinois graduation requirements.

Students who are unable to graduate within 4 years of entry to high school and enroll or re-enroll beyond their graduation year will comply with the State of Illinois graduation requirements.

Illinois graduation requirements 105 ILCS 5/27-22, 27-22.05, 27-22.10

Requirement	Description of Requirement	Entering 9th Grade in				
		SY 2016-2022	SY 2022-2023	SY 2023-2024	SY 2024-2025 thru 2027-2028	SY 2028-2029 (and beyond)
Language Arts	4 years: 1 year must include a writing-intensive English course.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Writing-Intensive	2 years: 1 year must be in an English course; 1 year can be embedded as part of any course offered. Can be counted toward the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics	3 years: Algebra I or integrated equivalent (1 year); non-specified course, including geometry content (1 year); Advanced Placement (AP) computer science is eligible.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Computer Literacy	One year of a course that includes intensive instruction in computer literacy, which may be English, social science, or any other subject and which may be counted toward the fulfillment of other graduation requirements. (PA 101-0654)		✓	✓	✓	✓
Science	2 years: no content specified.	✓	✓	✓		
	2 years of laboratory science: no content specified.*				✓	✓
Social Science	2 years: Must include 1 year of U.S. History or a combination of U.S. History and American government; 1 semester of civics.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IL/US Constitution	American patriotism, principles of representative government, and proper use and display of the flag (105 ILCS 5/27-3 and 27-4) . Passing score on examination required for high school graduation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
World/Foreign Languages	2 years of world languages, may include American Sign Language.*					✓
Electives	1 year selected from art, music, world languages (may include American Sign Language), or career and technical education (CTE).	✓				
	1 year selected from art, music, world languages (may include American Sign Language), CTE, or forensic speech (speech and debate).		✓	✓	✓	
	1 year selected from art, music, CTE, or a third year of world languages (may include American Sign Language), or forensic speech (speech and debate).*					✓
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	File a FAFSA with the U.S. Department of Education or, if applicable, an application for state financial aid or file a waiver with school district. (See 105 ILCS 5/22-87 for details.) https://www.isbe.net/Pages/FAFSA.aspx	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Assessment	Each student shall be required to complete the state's final accountability assessment at the highest grade or level assessed.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Does not apply to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Note – Any diploma conferred during the 2019-20 school year, including during the summer of 2020, under graduation requirements that were modified by an Executive Order, emergency rule-making, or school policy prompted by a gubernatorial disaster proclamation as a result of COVID-19 is deemed valid and is not subject to challenge or review due to a failure to meet minimum requirements otherwise required by this code, administrative rule, or school board policy. ([PA 101-0643](#))

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