

MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD POLICY 345.6

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Resident Requirement

Four full years of study in a high school program is required. The waiving of this requirement would constitute an exception and requires that the student be identified early in his/her middle school or high school career.

Credit Requirements

1. Twenty-four (24) credits.
2. Transfer students: The credit requirement for transfer students will be evaluated on an individual basis. The twenty-four (24) credit requirement will be adjusted proportional to the normal yearly credit requirements at the preceding school(s). (Example: If the preceding school required five (5) credits for 10th graders whereas Monona Grove requires six (6), the total requirement would be reduced to twenty-three (23) credits.)

Course Requirements

1. Freshmen students are required to register for six (6) credits. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are required to register for six (6) credits. Therefore, students attending all four (4) years at Monona Grove High School will elect a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits and could elect a maximum of thirty-two (32) credits.
2. The following specific credits must be successfully completed in order to receive a diploma:

English	4 credits
Social Studies	3½ credits
Math	2 credits
Science	2 credits
Physical Education	1½ credits (unless medically excused)
Health	½ credit
Computer Science	½ credit
3. Transfer Students: The course and credit requirements will be evaluated on an individual basis. In general, transfer students will need to meet only the course and credit requirements for the years they are enrolled at Monona Grove High School as well as the state graduation requirements
4. Exceptions – The principal has the authority to waive any of the graduation requirements in unusual cases except those mandated by state law.

Graduation Possibilities Other Than Four (4) Year Attendance

1. In the case of a student who withdraws from school prior to graduation, Monona Grove will grant high school credit for:
 - a. Courses taken elsewhere under an approved school or program if they are roughly equivalent to the number of hours in a high school course.
 - b. Correspondence courses taken from an approved school or program.
2. All requests for high school credit by the above method(s) require approval by the principal before the course is begun.
3. An individualized educational program may be developed that will best meet the needs of the individual. This flexibility will include course and credit requirements.

General Educational Development Program (GED)

Monona Grove High School will not grant a diploma on the basis of a GED or HSED test.

LEGAL REFERENCE: State Statutes 118.33
CROSS REFERENCE:
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