

Chinook School District

INSTRUCTION

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High School Graduation Requirements

Publication of Graduation Requirements

Prior to registering in high school, each student will be provided with a copy of the current graduation requirements. Graduation requirements shall also be included in the student handbook.

Credits

Students shall be expected to earn a total of twenty-two and one half (22.5) credits in order to complete graduation requirements. Special education students who have successfully completed their IEP leading to completion of high school will be awarded a diploma.

Waiver of Requirement

Graduation requirements generally will not be waived under any circumstances. However, in rare and unique hardship circumstances, the principal may recommend and the Superintendent approve minor deviation from the graduation requirements.

Alternative Programs

Credit toward graduation requirements may be granted for planned learning experiences from accredited programs, such as summer school, university courses, and correspondence courses. Credit for work experience may be offered when the work program is a part of and supervised by the school.

All courses taken for credit must be approved in advance by the high school principal.

All classes attempted at Chinook High School and all acceptable transfer credits shall be recorded on the transcript. All grades earned, including failures and retakes, shall be recorded as such and utilized in the calculation of Grade Point Average and class rank. Credit shall be awarded only once regardless of repetition of the course.

Re-taking Failed Courses

A student may re-take a course previously taken at Chinook Schools. The higher grade received will be the official grade. The course with the lower grade will remain on the transcript and be figured into the student's GPA. Credit for the course with the lower grade will not count toward graduation. Students must receive prior approval from the principal and counselor to re-take a course.

Series Courses

Series courses (art, music, weight lifting, media tech., drama, etc.) are offered as independent units. All courses taken will appear on the student's transcript and be figured into their GPA.

Honor Roll

To qualify for honor roll, a student must earn seventeen (17) points if enrolled in five (5) academic subjects, and twenty-one (21) points if enrolled in six (6) subjects. An "A" equals four (4) points; a "B" equals three (3) points; and a "C" equals two (2) points. A grade point average of 3.400 or better qualifies a student for honor roll listing each quarter.

To qualify for honorable mention, a student with five (5) academics must have a minimum of fifteen (15) points; six (6) academics must have not less than eighteen (18) points. A grade point average of 3.00 or better qualifies a student for honorable mention listing each quarter. A "D" or an "F" in an academic subject automatically disqualifies an individual from either honor roll or honorable mention. Driver's Education, Teacher's Aide, Library Aide, and Office Aide are not computed in the honor roll or honorable mention lists.

Class Rank (Grade Point Average)

Class Rank is compiled from semester grades. Courses not eligible for GPA are designated with an asterisk on the report card.

Early Graduation

In accordance with provisions of § 20-9-313, MCA, the Board authorizes the high school principal to grant permission, to students who have completed the minimum requirements, to graduate, after the completion of the seventh (7th) semester. Requests to graduate earlier must be approved by the board. Any student seeking to graduate early must follow the following procedure:

Graduation Ceremonies

The responsibility of the District, upon the student's completion of the requirements for graduation, is to issue a proper diploma to each graduate. Participation in the actual graduation ceremony is not a requirement.

Graduation Ceremonies will be conducted in the following manner:

1. Each student who participates will purchase or rent the proper cap and gown as designated by the school administration and the class advisor and officers.

2. Caps and gowns will be worn in the proper manner, as designated by the school administration and class advisor.
3. Students who participate will be expected to use good taste in their choice of accessories for their attire.
4. Students who participate will be expected to cooperate with the class advisor and to participate in all parts of the graduation ceremonies.

Participation in graduation ceremonies is a privilege extended to students. Students may be denied the right to participate.

Procedure History:

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