

Instruction

Graduation Requirements

A student earns 29 credits to graduate from Monticello High School.

Each student to graduate from Monticello High School is expected to complete a four year course of study with the following:

- 4 credits of language arts (including 2 writing intensive courses)
- 3 credits of mathematics (including algebra and geometry or a course with geometry content)
- 3 credits of social science (U.S. History and Gov't required)
- 3 credits of science
- 4 credits from vocational/fine arts
- One quarter credit in Driver Education
- One half credit in Consumer Education
- One half credit of Keyboarding
- One half credit in Computers
- One half credit in Health
- Three and three quarters credit in Physical Education

Early Graduation

It is the policy of this district that students should complete all four years of high school before graduation. Early graduation requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis and will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

The following guidelines apply for early graduate applicants.

- Students may graduate early only after the sixth and seventh semesters.
- Students must apply to their counselor by May 1 of the year prior to their anticipated early graduation date.
- The parents and student must submit to the principal, in writing, reasons for their request.
- The counselors must certify to the principal that the student will have completed all necessary requirements prior to early graduation.
- The principal will then make a recommendation to the superintendent relative to whether it is in the best interests of the student and/or school that the four year requirement be waived for the particular student.

All early graduates must obtain Board of Education approval.

Early graduates may be exempted from the 8th semester of P.E. but must comply with the total credit requirements. Students completing graduation requirements at the end of 7 semesters may

participate in graduation exercises at the close of the regular school year if they attend all practice sessions as required by the principal, and pay a fee for the cap and gown. Failure to comply with the above regulations will exclude them from the exercises. Foreign exchange students will be granted pass/fail grades for credit earned.

Students graduating at the end of summer school will be awarded their diplomas at that time. Students must be in attendance at MHS their last semester during the regular school year to obtain a diploma from MHS. A maximum of one credit may be earned through correspondence from a school accredited by the North Central Association or similar accrediting agency. This credit can be used only as a make up for a failure in the same subject area.

Certificate of Completion

A student with a disability whose Individualized Education Program (“IEP”) prescribes special education, transition planning, transition services, and related services beyond the student’s four years of high school, and who has completed four years of high school by the end of the school year, will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony of the student’s high school graduating class and receive a certificate of completion. This policy shall be implemented according to administrative procedures.

Veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict

Upon application, an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict will be awarded a diploma, provided that he or she (1) resided within an area currently within the District at the time he or she left high school, (2) left high school before graduating in order to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, and (3) has not received a high school diploma.

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