

Fifty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2031

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Education Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to required units for approved high schools.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-02. High schools - Required units.**

- 7 1. In order to be approved by the superintendent of public instruction, ~~each a public~~  
8 ~~and high school or a nonpublic high school shall make available to each student~~  
9 ~~each year allow students to make selections from a list that includes:~~
- 10 4. ~~a.~~ a. Four units of English.
- 11 2. ~~b.~~ b. ~~Three~~ Four units of mathematics, which must include at least one unit of  
12 algebra I, one unit of algebra II, one unit of geometry-trigonometry, and one  
13 unit of calculus.
- 14 3. ~~c.~~ c. Four units of science, which must include at least one unit of biology, one unit  
15 of chemistry, and one unit of physics.
- 16 4. ~~d.~~ d. ~~Three~~ Four units of social studies, ~~including~~ which must include at least one  
17 unit of world history and one unit of United States history, both of which must  
18 emphasize geography.
- 19 5. ~~e.~~ e. ~~One~~ One-half unit of health ~~and physical education.~~
- 20 6. ~~One unit~~ at each grade level from nine through twelve.
- 21 f. One-half unit of physical education at each grade level from nine through  
22 twelve.
- 23 g. Two units of music.

- 1           7. ~~Any six units selected from business education, economics and the free enterprise~~  
2           ~~system, foreign language, American sign language, and vocational courses~~  
3           ~~including family and consumer sciences, agriculture, business and office~~  
4           ~~technology, marketing, diversified occupations, trade and industrial education,~~  
5           ~~technology education, and health careers. The vocational courses may be offered~~  
6           ~~through cooperative arrangements approved by the state board for vocational and~~  
7           ~~technical education.~~
- 8           h. Two units of the same foreign language.
- 9           i. Three units of vocational education.
- 10          j. Twelve units of electives.
- 11          2. If any student selects a unit from the requirements provided in subdivisions a  
12          through d of subsection 1, the public high school or nonpublic high school shall  
13          provide the unit to the student.
- 14          3. a. If six or fewer students select a unit from the requirements provided in  
15          subdivisions a through d of subsection 1, the course may be provided through  
16          any delivery method not contrary to state law and may include classroom or  
17          individual instruction and distance learning options, including interactive  
18          video, computer instruction, correspondence courses, and postsecondary  
19          enrollment options.
- 20          b. If any student selects a unit from the requirements provided in subdivisions e  
21          through j of subsection 1, the public school or nonpublic high school shall  
22          provide the unit to the student. The school may provide the unit by any  
23          delivery method not contrary to state law and may include classroom or  
24          individual instruction and distance learning options, including interactive  
25          video, computer instruction, correspondence courses, and postsecondary  
26          enrollment under chapter 15.1-25.
- 27          4. The board of a school district may not impose any fees or charges upon a student  
28          for the provision of or participation in units as provided in this section, other than  
29          the fees permitted by section 15.1-09-36.

- 1           5. If in order to meet the minimum unit requirements of this section, a school district  
2           includes academic courses offered by a postsecondary institution under chapter  
3           15.1-25, the school district shall:  
4           a. Pay all costs of the student's attendance, except those fees that are  
5           permissible under section 15.1-09-36; and  
6           b. Transport the student to and from the location at which the course is offered  
7           or provide mileage reimbursement to the student if transportation is provided  
8           by the student or the student's family.