

NORTH DAKOTA ACHIEVE

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - DRAFT

High School	Current North Dakota Diploma <i>(NDCC 15.1-21-22)</i> 21 units '08-'09 22 units '09-'10 24 units '11-'12	Proposed ND Achieve Diploma <i>(Default entry level)</i> <i>(minimum of 21 units)</i>	Proposed ND Achieve with Technical Honors <i>(minimum of 22 units)</i>	Proposed ND Achieve with Academic Honors <i>(minimum of 23 units)</i>	Proposed North Dakota General High School Diploma <i>(minimum of 21 units)</i>
English/Language Arts	4 Units	4 Units	4 Units	4 Units	4 Units
Minimum required coursework students must take to graduate from high school		A sequence that will include a balance of literature, composition and speech.	A sequence that will include a balance of literature, composition and speech.	A sequence that will include a balance of literature, composition and speech.	A sequence that will include a balance of literature, composition and speech.
Mathematics	2 Units	3 Units	3 Units	4 Units	2 Units
Minimum required coursework students must take to graduate from high school		1 unit: Algebra I 1 unit: Geometry 1 unit: Algebra II or Consumer/Applied math <i>Or complete Integrated Math series I, II, and III for 3 units.</i>	1 unit: Algebra I 1 unit: Geometry 1 unit: Algebra II <i>Or complete Integrated Math series I, II, and III for 3 units.</i>	1 unit: Algebra I 1 unit: Geometry 1 unit: Algebra II 1 unit additional math Students are required to take a math class their senior year	Must include: 1 unit of Algebra I or Integrated Math or Consumer/Applied math

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Science	2 Units		3 Units	3 Units	3 Units	2 Units
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Social Studies	3 Units		3 Units	3 Units	3 Units	3 Units
Minimum required coursework students must take to graduate from high school	May include ½ unit ND Studies and ½ unit multicultural Studies		1 unit: U.S. History ½ unit: U.S. Government ½ unit: Economics (or substitute 1 unit of Problems of Democracy for the U.S. Government and Economics requirement). 1 unit which may include: World History/Civilization, or Geography, History of the World, Psychology, or Sociology (up to ½ unit may be substituted from either ND Studies or multicultural Studies).	1 unit: U.S. History ½ unit: U.S. Government ½ unit: Economics (or substitute 1 unit of Problems of Democracy for the U.S. Government and Economics requirement). 1 unit which may include: World History/Civilization, or Geography, History of the World, Psychology, or Sociology (up to ½ unit may be substituted from either ND Studies or multicultural Studies).	1 unit: U.S. History ½ unit: U.S. Government ½ unit: Economics (or substitute 1 unit of Problems of Democracy for the U.S. Government and Economics requirement). 1 unit which may include: World History/Civilization, or Geography, History of the World, Psychology, or Sociology (up to ½ unit may be substituted from either ND Studies or multicultural Studies).	1 unit: U.S. History ½ unit: U.S. Government ½ unit: Economics (or substitute 1 unit of Problems of Democracy for the U.S. Government and Economics requirement). 1 unit which may include: World History/Civilization, or Geography, History of the World, Psychology, or Sociology (up to ½ unit may be substituted from either ND Studies or multicultural Studies).

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Physical Education	1 Unit		1 Unit	1 Unit	1 Unit	1 Unit
Health & Wellness	May be included as ½ Unit in PE		May be included as ½ Unit.	May be included as ½ Unit in PE	May be included as ½ Unit in PE	May be included as ½ Unit in PE
Directed/Flex Credit(s)	1 Unit		3 Units	4 Units	4 Units	2 ½ Units
Minimum required coursework students must take to graduate from high school	Foreign Language Native American Lang. Fine Arts Career/Technical Ed		World Languages Native American Lang. Fine Arts Career/Technical Ed	Complete a career-technical program. Complete a career or industry- based work experience as part of a two-year technical education program.	3 units of world languages and 1 unit of fine arts.	A minimum of 2 units in world languages/fine arts or 2 units in technical education (that may include a career or industry-based work experience as part of a two-year technical education program).
Electives	8 units 2008		4 Units	4 Units	4 Units	6 ½ Units
	9 units 2009 10 units 2010					Of which 3 units must come from selecting electives in a deliberate manner to take full advantage of career exploration and preparation opportunities.

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Units Required to Graduate	21 units '08-'09 22 units '09-'10 24 units '11-'12	<p style="text-align: center;">21 Units</p> <p>Of which at least 1 unit must be taken by an electronic distance delivery method (example: IVN, webcast, podcast, etc).</p> <p>It shall be the legislative intent that a student's educational training shall include team problem solving.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22 Units</p> <p>Of which at least 1 unit must be taken by an electronic distance delivery method (example: IVN, webcast, podcast, etc)</p> <p>It shall be the legislative intent that a student's educational training shall include team problem solving.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23 Units</p> <p>Of which at least 1 unit must be taken by an electronic distance delivery method (example: IVN, webcast, podcast, etc)</p> <p>It shall be the legislative intent that a student's educational training shall include team problem solving.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21 Units</p> <p>Of which at least 1 unit must be taken by an electronic distance delivery method (example: IVN, webcast, podcast, etc).</p> <p>It shall be the legislative intent that a student's educational training shall include team problem solving.</p>
Qualifications	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Earn a grade of "C" or better in each course that will count toward the diploma.</p> <p>Have a cumulative grade point average of a "B" or better.</p> <p>Successfully complete AP courses (1 unit) and corresponding AP exams.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Earn a grade of "C" or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.</p> <p>Have a cumulative grade point average of a "B" or better.</p> <p>Score a 25 or higher composite on the ACT or earn a combined score of 1200 or higher on the SAT critical reading and mathematics.</p> <p>A. Successfully complete AP courses (2 units) and corresponding AP exams.</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p>A. The student, the student's parent/guardian, and the student's career advisor (or another staff member who assists students in course selection) meet to discuss the student's progress.</p> <p>B. Requires an opt-out process to move from the ND Achieve Diploma to the General Diploma requirements. Opt-out requires signature of parent or guardian.</p> </div>				

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Qualifications continued	<p>B. Successfully complete a combination of AP course (1 unit) and corresponding AP exams and dual high school/college credit course(s) from the ND Achieve Transfer Library (3 transferable college credits)</p>				<p>C. If the decision is made to opt-out of ND Achieve, the student is required to complete the course and credit requirements for a general diploma and the career/academic sequence the student will pursue is determined.</p> <p>D. A student will not be allowed to opt-out until their junior year of school.</p>
Total number of electives and flex units.	8 Units (38.1%)	7 Units (33.33%)	8 Units (36.36%)	8 Units (34.78%)	6 ½ Units (31%)
K-8 students					
English Language Arts - may NOT be applied to meet HS graduation requirements		Require two years of a foreign language experience	Require two years of a foreign language experience	Require two years of a foreign language experience	Require two years of a foreign language experience

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Current Required offerings	Current required offerings	Current required offerings	Current required offerings	Current required offerings	
<p>In order to be approved by the Superintendent of public instruction, each public and nonpublic high school shall make available to each student: NDCC 15.1-21-02</p>	<p>Four units English language arts</p> <p>Four units mathematics</p> <p>Four units science</p>	<p>Four units of social studies, including one of world history and one of United States history</p> <p>One-half unit of physical education during each school year, provided that once every four years the unit must be a concept-based fitness class that includes instruction in the assessment, improvement, and maintenance of personal fitness</p> <p>One-half unit of health</p>	<p>Two units of fine arts, at least one of which must be music</p> <p>Two units of the same foreign language</p> <p>Two units of career and technical education</p> <p>Each public and nonpublic high school shall make available to each student, at least once every two years, one-half unit of North Dakota studies, with an emphasis on geography, history and agriculture of this state.</p>	<p>For purposes of this section (NDCC 15.1-21-02.4), unless otherwise requires, "make available" means that:</p> <p>4.c. The unit may be provided to the student through any delivery method not contrary to state law and may include classroom or individual instruction and distance learning options, including interactive video, computer instruction, correspondence courses, and postsecondary enrollment under chapter 15.1-25.</p>	