

- b. Native American languages;
 - c. Fine arts; or
 - d. Career and technical education courses; and
7. Any five additional units.

15.1-21-02.2. High school coursework requirements. Repealed by S.L. 2009, ch. 175, § 64.

15.1-21-02.3. (Effective after June 30, 2010) Optional high school curriculum - Requirements. If after completing at least two years of high school a student has failed to pass at least one-half unit from three subsections in section 15.1-21-02.1 or has a grade point average at or below the twenty-fifth percentile of other students in the district who are enrolled in the same grade, the student may request that the student's career advisor, guidance counselor, or principal meet with the student and the student's parent to determine if the student should be permitted to pursue an optional high school curriculum, in place of the requirements set forth in section 15.1-21-02.1. If a student's parent consents in writing to the student pursuing the optional high school curriculum, the student is eligible to receive a high school diploma upon completing the following requirements:

- 1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
- 2. Two units of mathematics;
- 3. Two units of science;
- 4. Three units of social studies, which may include up to one-half unit of North Dakota studies and one-half unit of multicultural studies;
- 5.
 - a. One unit of physical education; or
 - b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 6. Two units of:
 - a. Foreign languages;
 - b. Native American languages;
 - c. Fine arts; or
 - d. Career and technical education courses; and
- 7. Any seven additional units.

15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship. Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship provided the student completes all requirements set forth in subsections 1 through 5 and subsection 7 of section 15.1-21-02.1 for a high school diploma and:

- 1.
 - a. Completes one unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction, in fulfillment of the mathematics requirement set forth in subsection 2 of section 15.1-21-02.1;

- b. Completes two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction; and
 - c. Completes three additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and technical education;
- 2. Obtains a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit required for the diploma;
- 3. Obtains a cumulative grade point of at least "B", as determined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
- 4. Receives:
 - a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or
 - b. A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota academic scholarship. Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student completes all requirements set forth in subsections 1 through 5 and subsection 7 of section 15.1-21-02.1 for a high school diploma and:

- 1.
 - a. Completes one unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction, in fulfillment of the mathematics requirement set forth in subsection 2 of section 15.1-21-02.1;
 - b. Completes one additional unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction, is a prerequisite; and
 - c. Completes:
 - (1) Two units of the same foreign or native American language;
 - (2) One unit of fine arts or career and technical education; and
 - (3) One unit of a foreign or native American language, fine arts, or career and technical education;
- 2. Obtains a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit required for the diploma;
- 3. Obtains a cumulative grade point of at least "B", as determined by the superintendent of public instruction;
- 4. Receives a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and
- 5. Completes one unit of an advanced placement course and examination or a dual-credit course.

15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.

- 1. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

2. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.
3. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the institution in which the student is enrolled.
4. This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive semesters. However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to graduate programs.
5. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible student who graduates from a high school in this state or from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29.

15.1-21-02.7. North Dakota scholarship opportunities - 2009-10 high school graduates.

1. Except as provided in subsection 3, any resident student who graduates from a high school during the 2009-10 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic scholarship, provided the student is certified by the superintendent of public instruction as having obtained a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT.
2. Except as provided in subsection 3, any resident student who graduates from a high school during the 2009-10 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota technical scholarship, provided the student is certified by the superintendent of public instruction as having obtained:
 - a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or
 - b. A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction.
3. A student is eligible to receive a scholarship under either subsection 1 or 2, but may not receive a scholarship under both subsections.

15.1-21-03. High school unit - Instructional time.

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, each unit must consist of at least one hundred twenty hours of instruction per school calendar.
2. The following units must consist of at least one hundred fifty hours of instruction per school calendar: natural sciences, agriculture, business and office technology, marketing, diversified occupations, trade and industrial education, technology education, and health careers.
3. The hour requirements of this section are subject to reductions resulting from the holidays and nonstudent contact days provided for in section 15.1-06-04.
4. This section does not apply to schools or school districts having block schedules approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

15.1-21-04. Minimum high school courses - Alternative curriculum plans.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each student shall enroll in at least four units of high school work in each grade from nine through twelve.
2. A student in grade twelve may enroll in fewer than four units of work, provided: