

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Pleasanton Public Schools shall require at least 250 credit hours for graduation, of which at least 80% shall be from the core curriculum as provided in NDE Rule 10.

Core Curriculum: The term means a curriculum that includes Language Arts, Social Science, Science, Mathematics, Vocational Education, Foreign Language, Visual and Performing Arts, and Personal Health and Physical Fitness.

In order to graduate from Pleasanton High School the student shall have received passing grades in the following core areas:

- Language Arts--40 semester hours of English (Speech may under special conditions be substituted for 10 hours of English)
- Mathematics--20 semester hours (30 starting 2012 - 2013)
- Social Science-- 40 semester hours (10 hours of American History, American Government, World History, and Geography must be earned)
- Science--20 semester hours (30 starting 2012 - 2013)
- Visual and Performing Arts--10 semester hours
- Fitness and Health--10 semester hours (5 hours of Health)

The school does not advocate correspondence courses. Whenever local courses are available they should be taken, however, any academic course not offered by the school may be taken by correspondence, A+, OdysseyWare and/or NovaNet and if completed satisfactorily, tuition will be paid by the local district.

Credit Hour: The term means credit awarded for the successful completion of the work required in one instructional unit. The number of credit hours given for a course may be less than the number of instructional units and may be increased up to twenty-five percent. (Example: Credit given for a course of eight instructional units could range from 0-10 (8 x 1.25) credit hours. NDE Rule 10

Semesters: Eight semesters of high school attendance is required, however, if application is made for exception to this rule, cases will be considered individually by the administration and Board of Education if it may appear to cause a hardship for the individual.

Graduation Ceremonies: Students not meeting the minimum graduation requirements will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies. Students who have been designated Special Education and have met the requirements of their individual program will be granted a diploma with the approval of the administration and Board of Education. All special grading procedures and course work will be noted on each student's transcript.

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High school credit may be awarded to students in a middle grades course if the course content and requirements are equivalent to a course offered in the high school.

Graduation requirements for special education students will be in accordance with the prescribed course of study as described in their Individualized Education Program (IEP). Each student's IEP will include a statement of the projected date of graduation at least 18 months in advance of the projected date and the criteria to be used in determining whether graduation will occur. Prior to the special education student's graduation, the IEP team shall determine whether the graduation criteria have been met.