

7. INSTRUCTION/CURRICULUM

7.17 SCHOOL CREDITS AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 7.17.1 The Board of Education of the Ogden City School District shall recognize school credit when required course standards are met. The district will approve credits and grades received from an accredited public or private school. Credit earned at non-accredited schools or non-approved courses shall be reviewed by a District Credit Evaluation Committee.
- 7.17.2 The State Board of Education has authorized the local school boards under Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, to make rules regarding competency levels, graduation, requirements, curriculum, and instruction requirements. The Board of the Ogden City Schools shall issue differentiated high school diplomas or certificates of completion consistent with state law and rules.

Legal Ref.: Utah Code 53A-2-211; 53A-13-108; 53A-13-104; 53A-1-611
State Board Rule R277-705

Approved by the Board of Education: June 13, 2007. Revision approved: September 18, 2014.

PROCEDURE

- 1) The Board of Education recognizes the value of a rigorous education in preparing young people for post high school education and their career path. The comprehensive high school gives students many educational opportunities through the required and elective classes, extracurricular activities such as performing arts and sports, as well as leadership. With this in mind, the Ogden City Schools shall offer differentiated diplomas to secondary students and adults to include:
 - **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma**
All minimum state core requirements as well as successfully passing all requirements of the IB high school diploma as outlined by the International Baccalaureate organization. This diploma will only be earned at Ogden High School in the future.
 - **Honors Diploma**
(see credits below) Students earning this diploma will meet all minimum state core requirements as well as math proficiency of pre-calculus, equivalent or higher, with a grade B or better; completion of Level 2 foreign language with a grade of B or better; completion of at least six Honor classes (grades 10-12) in the following areas of study: two English/Language Arts; two science and/or social studies, and two Honors elective classes, with a grade B or better in all six Honor classes. Students at Ben Lomond and Ogden High Schools are eligible for this diploma.

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- Traditional Diploma**
 (see credits below) This diploma is currently offered in our two comprehensive high schools. When the district was on the trimester/six period schedule, a student had to earn 30 credits in order to graduate. Now that we have shifted to the A/B eight period block schedule, a transition period will be put into place to gradually move the students to the 27 credit requirement. Students earning this diploma will meet all minimum state core requirements as well as nine electives. The transition for credits to be earned will be as follows:
- Basic High School Diploma – (four (4) full years of high school required)**
 (see credits below) This diploma is currently being offered at Washington Alternative High School, and through a transition period, will also be available to students at Ben Lomond and Ogden High Schools who are seniors that will not have enough credits to graduate with the amount needed for a “Traditional” diploma. A student earning this diploma meets all minimum state core requirements as well as six electives and is represented as a diploma of last resort. The transition for credits to be earned at Ben Lomond and Ogden High Schools will be as follows:

CREDITS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

The following shall be the standard for high school graduation credits:

International Baccalaureate (IB) High School Diploma

Minimum Requirement:

27 credits (as outlined by the Ogden School District and the State of Utah)

Additional Requirements over and above the TRADITIONAL High School Diploma Requirements include:

- Successfully passed all requirements of the International Baccalaureate High School diploma as outlined by the International Baccalaureate Organization

Honors Diploma

| Curriculum/subjects | Required Units Class of 2013 and beyond |
|--|--|
| Language Arts | 4 |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| Science | 3 |
| Social Studies & General Financial Literacy | 3 |
| Fine Arts | 1.5 |
| Health | .5 |
| Physical Education | 1.5 |
| Computer Tech | .5 |
| Career/Technical Education | 1 |
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| Electives | 7 |
| Foreign Language | 2 |
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| Required credits for graduation | 27 |

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Additional Requirements over and above the TRADITIONAL High School Diploma include:

1. Math Proficiency of pre-calculus equivalent or higher – with a grade of B or better
2. Completion of two full years of a foreign language with a grade of B or better (grades 9-12)
3. Completion of **at least 6 Honor classes (grades 10-12)** in the following areas of study: **2 English/Language Arts, 2 Science** and/or **Social Studies** and **2 Honors Elective** classes – with a grade of B or better in all 6 honor classes

Note: The following course categories will qualify under the Honors Diploma requirements:

- a. Honors
- b. AP - Advanced placement
- c. Concurrent Enrollment
- d. IB – International Baccalaureate

Traditional Diploma

| Curriculum/subjects | Required Units Class of 2013 and beyond |
|--|--|
| Language Arts | 4 |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| Science | 3 |
| Social Studies & General Financial Literacy | 3 |
| Fine Arts | 1.5 |
| Health | .5 |
| Physical Education | 1.5 |
| Computer Tech | .5 |
| Career/Technical Education | 1 |
| Electives | 9 |
| Required credits for graduation | 27 |

Basic High School Diploma

| Curriculum/subjects | Minimum State High School Diploma Class of 2013 and beyond |
|--|--|
| Language Arts | 4 |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| Science | 3 |
| Social Studies & General Financial Literacy | 3 |
| Fine Arts | 1.5 |
| Health | .5 |
| Physical Education | 1.5 |
| Computer Tech | .5 |
| Career/Technical Education | 1 |
| Electives | 6 |
| Required credits for graduation | 24 |

2) Granting Credit for Non-Accredited Programs as per R277-700-6

A committee will review requests to grant credit for students entering school from a non-accredited program as per R277-700-6.

- The committee will consist of a secondary-level teacher, counselor, and administrator, and a representative from Student Services.
- The committee will review the requests for credit and respond with a recommendation to the school administrator within three weeks of the request.
- The school administrator will grant or deny the request for credit within one week of receipt of the recommendation with notification to Student Services. A representative from Student Services will send a written response to the parent/guardian.
- Letter grades will not be awarded for credits gained through the home-based education programs.
- The parent may appeal the decision of the school administrator in writing within ten working days to the Ogden City School District Board of Education. Letters should be addressed to the superintendent. The district will notify the parent/guardian of the decision within three weeks of receiving the appeal.

3) Honors Weighted Grade Point Average/Weighted Class Ranking

Weighted Grade point averages (GPA's) will be calculated utilizing a formula for the purpose of calculating class rank. The student transcript will include both cumulative weighted and cumulative unweighted GPA's.

- Weighted GPA's will be calculated according to the following scale:
 - Courses designated as honors, concurrent enrollment or listed on the District Honors Pathway will receive a weighted calculation of 1.25
 - Courses designated as International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced Placement (AP) will receive a weighted calculation of 1.50

Application for Ogden City School District Basic High School Diploma

I, _____ the undersigned hereby request that my child,
(please print parent/guardian name)

_____, be allowed to graduate with the Ogden City School District
(please print student's name)

Basic Diploma having met the current basic diploma's required high school credits (26). I understand that this minimum basic high school diploma may limit my child's future endeavors involving higher education, future positions within the job market, and/or entry into the military.

I understand that my child must be a student in good standing in order to participate in graduation activities. I am aware of the graduation requirements as follows:

BASIC HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS (9-12)

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| Language / Arts | 4.0 |
| Math | 3.0 |
| Science | 3.0 |
| Social Studies & General Financial Literacy | 3.0 |
| The Arts | 1.5 |
| Physical and Health Education | 2.0 |
| Career and Technical Education | 1.0 |
| Educational Technology | 0.5 |
| Electives | 8.0 |

Parent Signature Date

Address Zip Code Phone

I, _____ the undersigned hereby request that I be allowed to
(please print student's name)

graduate with the Ogden City School District Basic Diploma having met the current basic diploma's required high school credits (26). I understand that this minimum basic high school diploma may limit my future endeavors involving higher education, future positions within the job market, and/or entry into the military.

I understand that I must be a student in good standing in order to participate in graduation activities.

Student Signature Date

School Counselor Date Administrator Date

Basic high school diploma will only be considered after April 30.

