

### 343.41 Graduation Requirements

#### (Beginning with the Class of 2000)

Anchorage Senior High Schools may award a diploma to a student when:

- a. The student has acquired a minimum of 22.5 units of credit after grade 8 in required and elective subjects in accordance with the following:
  - (1) Language Arts - 4 Units of Credit. English 9-1, 9-2, English 10-1, 10-2, and one semester of composition during grades eleven or twelve plus 3 semesters of electives in grades 10, 11, or 12.
  - (2) Social Studies - 4 Units of Credit. Two years of a coordinated course in World and United States History, one semester of Social Science, one semester of Economics, one semester of Area Studies and one semester of United States Government.
  - (3) Mathematics - 2.5 Units of Credit. Five semesters of Mathematics electives. Students must complete course work containing or founded in Algebra I level math skills or demonstrate Algebra I level skills by examination.
  - (4) Science - 3 Units of Credit. Two semesters in Life Science, two semesters in Physical Science and two semesters in additional science or designated courses in Technology, Computer Science, and Health-related subjects.
  - (5) Physical Education/Health Education - 1.5 Units of Credit. Three semesters of P.E. or two semesters of P.E. and one semester of Healthy Life Skills. For the Class of 2003 and beyond, the course Lifetime Personal Fitness is required; it may be waived only through testing out of the course.
  - (6) Electives - 7.5 Units of Credit. Fifteen semester courses have not been specified so as to provide

students an opportunity to pursue individual educational goals. Electives may include additional courses in Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Technology, Fine Arts, Foreign Language and Physical Education.

- b. Seniors entering the Anchorage School District for the first time may graduate by meeting requirements of their previous school when the Anchorage School District requirements create hardship.
- c. One-quarter (1/4) credit for the Physical Education/Health Education requirement ((5) above) may be waived for each full season of participation in approved interscholastic athletic competition. Elective credit must be earned to replace the Physical Education/Health Education requirement that is waived. The athletic waiver does not apply to the Lifetime Personal Fitness requirement cited in (5) above which may be waived only by testing out of the course. A waiver of credit under this section does not affect the overall minimum requirements of 22.5 credits.
- d. ~~Two years of a single foreign~~ The third year of a world language may waive one semester of Area Studies.
- e. Students who graduate in 2002 and beyond must pass all three sections of the Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE) prior to receiving a diploma; failure to pass all three sections will lead to a certificate of attendance (AS 14.03.075).