

# Graduation Requirements

**Students must complete 22.5 credits to receive a high school diploma.**

**1. English Language Arts (ELA)..... 4credits**

Four years of ELA are required: English I and II, and English III and IV or their equivalents

**2. Social Studies ..... 4credits**

World History, U.S. History, one semester of Alaska Studies, one semester of Economics, one semester of United States Government, one semester of a Social Studies elective. Students may waive the .5 credit social studies requirement by completion of Level III of a world language (ASL, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, or Spanish); immersion students may waive the .5 social studies requirement by completion of Japanese for Fluent Speakers I, Vistas Juveniles del Mundo Hispano, or Russian Immersion Youth and Culture.

**3. Mathematics ..... 3credits**

Six semesters of Mathematics electives. In order to satisfy the algebra requirements, students must complete one of the following options: Algebra I, semester 1 and 2; or Survey of Algebra, semester 1 and 2; or Credit-by-Choice Challenge by Examination.

**4. Sciences..... 3credits**

Three years (six semesters) of science credit are required. Two semesters must be life science. Two semesters must be physical science.

**5. Physical Education/Health Education..... 1.5credits**

Three semesters of physical/health education are required. A wide variety of courses are offered at each school. Elective credit must be earned to replace a Physical Education/Health Education requirement that is waived.

- A) Students may obtain a waiver of 0.5 of the physical education graduation requirement for each full season of ASAA-sanctioned sports participation within the Anchorage School District.
- B) Students may also waive physical education requirements through Credit By Choice, correspondence, or college coursework in Physical Education/Health.
- C) A maximum of 1.0 waiver of the physical education requirement is available upon successful completion of 2 years (four semesters) of JROTC.

**6. Electives ..... 7credits**

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, World Languages, Physical Education and Career Technology. **Total 22.5credits**

- a. A student may be considered for graduation when he or she has acquired a minimum of 22.5 credits after grade 8 in required and elective subjects.
- b. Seniors entering the ASD for the first time may graduate by meeting requirements of their previous school when the ASD requirements create hardship.