

Graduation Requirements

Minimum High School Graduation Requirements (Through Class of 2011)

Minimum High School Graduation Requirements (Beginning with Class of 2012)

SUBJECT-CREDITS-COURSES

Language Arts English I, II, III, IV

4 Credits

English I, II, III, IV (To include the content strands of reading, writing, speaking, listening, observing, inquiry, conventions, analysis, and using technology as a communication tool. Language arts shall be taken each year of high school.)

Social Studies

3 Credits

Credits to incorporate U.S. History, Economics, Government, World Geography and World Civilization

3 Credits to include the content strands of historical perspective, including U.S. History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics, and Cultures and Societies.

Mathematics Algebra I, Geometry, and one elective

3 Credits

Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II (An integrated, applied, interdisciplinary or technical/occupational course that prepares a student for a career path based on the student's Individual Learning Plan may be substituted for a traditional Algebra I, Geometry or Algebra II course on an individual student basis if the course meets the content standards in the program of studies. Pre-Algebra shall not be counted as one of the three required Mathematics credits for high school graduation but may be counted as an elective.) Mathematics shall be taken each year of high school.

Science

3 Credits

Credits to include Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth and Space Science as provided in the Program of Studies

3 Credits shall incorporate lab-based scientific investigation experiences and include the content strands of biological science, physical science, earth and space science, and unifying concepts.

Health

1/2 Credit

1/2 Credit to include the content strands of individual well-being, consumer decision, personal wellness, mental wellness, and community services.

Physical Education

1/2 Credit

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Visual and Performing Arts

1 Credit

History and appreciation of visual and performing arts or a performing arts course which incorporates such content

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Foreign Language/ Electives

7 Credits

Academic and career interest standards-based learning experiences (to include four (4) standards-based learning experiences in an academic or career interest based on the student's Individual Learning Plan; and demonstrated performance based competency in technology.)

Total 22 Credits

GRADUATION, PROMOTION, AND CLASSIFICATION

In addition to meeting the high school graduation requirements as established by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and the Harlan County Board of Education, for the graduates of 2009, the number of credits (Carnegie Units) required for graduation at Harlan County High School shall be 22 credits which include all KDE required courses for graduation. HCHS will offer 7(seven) credits per year.

Promotion Requirement - 22 Credits, Sophomore - 4.5, Junior - 10, Senior 15.5, Graduation - 22

Note: Due to the G.P.A. calculation formula, taking a course for no credit can possibly lower a student's G.P.A.