

General Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for graduation from Monticello High School, students must meet all of the following requirements:

- A. Successfully completed a minimum of:
  - 1. Eight (8) credits of English/Language Arts, including two (2) credits of Freshman English; two (2) credits of Sophomore English; one (1) credit of Literature and three (3) credits of English electives.
  - 2. Six (6) credits of mathematics, including two (2) credits of Algebra.
  - 3. Six (6) credits of science, including two (2) credits of Earth Science; two (2) credits of biology and two (2) credits of science electives.
  - 4. Six (6) credits of social studies, including one (1) credit of World History; two (2) credits of American History; two (2) credits of American Government, and one (1) credit of social studies electives.
  - 5. Four (4) credits of Physical Education, including one (1) credit for each year of attendance.
  - 6. One (1) credit of fine arts (foreign language may be used to meet this requirement).
  - 7. One (1) credit business, including one (1) credit of financial skills.
  - 8. One (1) credit vocational education, including one (1) credit in business, family & consumer science or industrial education.
  - 9. One (1) credit health, including one (1) credit of Freshmen health.
  - 10. Elective credits.
- B. Been in full-time attendance eight (8) semesters. Full-time attendance is defined as enrollment in at least eight (8) courses in grades nine (9), ten (10) and eleven (11) and at least seven (7) courses in grade twelve (12).

A maximum of six (6) credits may be accepted toward graduation from approved correspondence high schools and/or approved programs designed for high school completion. **Students attending an approved alternative high school program (i.e., Kirkwood Community College-Jones County Alternative High School) may transfer more than six (6) credits.**

Students not meeting graduation requirements are not allowed to participate in commencement exercises or other graduation ceremonies.

Special Education Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements for special education students will be in accordance with the prescribed course of study as described in the individual education program. 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 student's graduation, the IEP team shall determine that the graduation criteria have been met.

## Early Graduation Requirements

Students may graduate early if they meet all of the requirements in a plan approved by the Monticello High School Principal. Such a plan must be submitted to the high school principal prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student plans to graduate. Alternative educational programming for graduation may be approved by the high school principal.

Students who graduate early under an approved plan may participate in the regular spring commencement exercises and Prom.

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