

Sparta Area School District

Administrative Rule 401 – Graduation Requirements

Candidates for graduation from Sparta High School must successfully complete at least 48 credits, 28 of which come from the requirements in English, social studies, math, science, physical education, health and economics, or complete the requirements of their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Typically, semester courses that meet daily are awarded one credit. Students must carry seven credits per semester.

Eight credits of English must be completed satisfactorily for graduation. The five required courses are:

1. Freshman Composition
2. Freshman Literature
3. Sophomore Composition
4. Sophomore Literature
5. Junior Literature

Students are also required to complete three additional English courses, one of which must be in literature.

As an alternative, students may satisfy the English requirement with this 8 credit program:

1. English 9 Literature (Freshman level)
2. English 9 Composition (Freshman level)
3. English 10 Literature (Sophomore level)
4. English 10 Composition (Sophomore level)
5. English 11 Literature (Junior level)
6. English 11 Composition (Junior level)
7. English 12 Literature and Composition (Senior level – 2 credits)

A third alternative is available for students enrolled in Read 180, who will receive one English credit and one elective in English for each semester of successful participation, up to 8 total credits (four required English and four elective credits). These students are then required to complete their remaining four credit English requirement utilizing one of the other two tracks.

Seven credits of social studies must be completed for graduation. Six courses are required:

1. World Geography (Freshman level)
2. World Civilizations I (Sophomore level)
3. World Civilizations II (Sophomore level)
4. U.S. History I (Junior level)
5. U.S. History II (Junior level)
6. Government (Senior level)

Students are also required to complete one social studies elective.

Math: Four credits are required for graduation from any of the classes from the math department

Science: Four credits are required for graduation from any classes from the science department.

Physical Education: Three credits are required for graduation.

Health: Health is required for graduation (one credit / Freshman level).

Economics: Economics is required for graduation (one credit / Junior level).

Students failing courses prior to the end of the semester may be assigned to study hall with parent and counselor permission. Exceptions to the ~~six course policy~~ seven credit requirement may be made at the discretion of the principal.

Early Graduation:

Students meeting all graduation requirements and requesting early graduation need to complete a "Request for Early Graduation" form, signed by the student, parent/guardian, and principal. A meeting with the parents, student, and counselor will be held to arrange an appropriate schedule to insure that all requirements have been met, and help in the post-secondary education planning process.

Deadlines for application for early graduation:

September 1st for seniors seeking to graduate after the fall semester

January 2nd for 3rd year students seeking to graduation after the spring semester

Students who opt to graduate early should receive the same consideration for scholarships as any other member of the graduating class. However, it is their responsibility for any deadlines related to scholarships, college applications, graduation fees, financial aid, senior class activities and meetings.