

## PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT

Only students who are qualified to receive a diploma may participate in the cap and gown ceremony. A student who qualifies for a diploma after commencement is eligible to participate in the following year's ceremony.

**Students planning to graduate early must make a petition to the principal. This process begins with the student informing his/her counselor of this intent.**

## SUBJECT LOAD

Underclassmen are required to enroll in four (4) courses each quarter they attend Elmwood Park High School. Senior students have the exception, depending on their current graduation progress, to be enrolled for three (3) courses each quarter.

**Dropping Classes:** except for administrative reasons, students will be required to remain in all classes for which they register. Students will receive either a grade of WP (withdrawal passing) or WF (withdrawal failure), depending on their academic status at the time of withdrawal.

## PROMOTION

**Advancement in Grade:** advancement in grade is not automatic, but is based upon academic credits earned. All students need to meet the following requirements to be promoted to the next grade level:

**Freshman:** All students with less than seven credits.

**Sophomore:** All students who have earned at least seven credits, but less than thirteen credits. As part of these credits, students must have at least one credit in each of the following: English, Math, Science and Social Studies.

**Junior:** All students with 13 or more credits. As part of these thirteen credits, students must have at least two credits in each of the following: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

**Senior:** Students who complete their junior year and the state testing requirement are promoted to senior status.

**In addition, students are also no longer allowed to double up on required coursework due to failure. Students who fail a class will need to attend summer school to graduate on time.**