

1 **2410 INSTRUCTION**

2 High School Graduation Requirements

3 The Board shall award a high school diploma to every student enrolled in the District who meets the
4 requirements of graduation established by the District. The official transcript will indicate the specific
5 courses taken and level of achievement.

6 The Board shall establish graduation requirements which, as a minimum, satisfy those established by the
7 Board of Public Education (10.55.904, 905 & 906, ARM). Generally, any change in graduation requirements
8 promulgated by the Board will become effective for the next class to enter ninth grade. Exceptions to this
9 general rule may be made where it is determined by the Board that the proposed change in graduation
10 requirements will not have a negative effect on students already in grades nine through twelve (9-12).
11 The Board shall approve graduation requirements as recommended by the Superintendent.

12 To graduate from Great Falls Public Schools, a student must have satisfactorily completed the last quarter
13 prior to graduation as a Great Falls Public School student. Highly unusual exceptions may be considered
14 by the principal, such as a student exchange program in a recognized school.

15 The Board grants the Superintendent or his/her designee the authority to waive specific course
16 requirements based on individual student needs and performance levels. Waiver requests shall also be
17 considered with respect to age, maturity, interest, and aspirations of the students and shall be in
18 consultation with the parents or guardians. In addition, the Superintendent or designee can determine
19 that a student may be given credit for a course satisfactorily completed in a period of time shorter or
20 longer than normally required and, provided that the course meets the district's curriculum and
21 assessment requirements, which are aligned with the content standards stated in the education program.

22 A student who possesses a disabling condition shall satisfy those competency requirements which are
23 incorporated into the individualized education program ("IEP"). Satisfactory completion of the objectives
24 incorporated into the IEP shall serve as the basis for determining completion of a course.

25 Legal Reference:

- 26 § 20-5-201, MCA Duties and sanctions
- 27 10.55.904, ARM Basic education program offerings - high school
- 28 10.55.905, ARM Graduation requirements
- 29 10.55.906, ARM Credit

30 Policy History:

- 31 Adopted on: July 1, 2000
- 32 Revised on: January 28, 2002
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