

Van Buren County Board of Education

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1 To meet the requirements for graduation, a student shall have attained an approved attendance, conduct and subject
2 matter record which covers a planned program of education, and such record shall be kept on file in the high
3 school.

4 The program of studies shall include areas and content in these areas within State Board of Education Regulations
5 and shall be flexible enough to facilitate progress from one stage of development to another, thus providing for
6 more effective student adjustment.

7 The pattern of courses which shall be required of all students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) shall be in
8 accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Education and the Board of Education.

9 Before graduation, every student shall [1] achieve the specified 22 units of credit; [2] take the required end of
10 course exams;⁵ [3] have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct, [4] complete an examination in the 11th
11 grade;² and [5] complete a United States civics test.^{5,6}

12 *Special Education Students*^{1,4}

13 Special education students who successfully complete their Individualized Educational Program (IEP), pass the
14 required competency assessment and have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct shall be awarded a
15 regular diploma. A special education diploma shall be awarded to students who have satisfactorily completed their
16 IEP and who have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct, but who have not met the proficiency testing
17 requirements.

18 Special education students who do not meet the requirements for a high school diploma may be awarded an
19 occupational diploma if the student has:⁵

- 20 1. satisfactorily completed their IEP;
- 21 2. maintained satisfactory records of attendance and conduct;
- 22 3. completed the occupational diploma Skills, Knowledge, and Experience Mastery Assessment (SKEMA);
- 23 4. completed at least four (4) years of high school; and
- 24 5. has two (2) years of paid or non-paid work experience.

25 The decision to attain an occupational diploma shall be made at the conclusion of the student's tenth (10th) grade
26 year, or two (2) academic years prior to the expected graduation date. Students who have received an occupational
27 diploma shall continue to make progress towards a high school diploma until the end of the school year in which
28 they turn twenty-two (22) years old.

29 **STUDENT LOAD**

30 All full time students in grades 9-12 shall be enrolled each semester in subjects that produce a minimum of five
31 units of credit for graduation per year. Students with hardships and gifted students may appeal this requirement to
32 the director of schools and then to the Board.⁴

Legal References

1. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.06(1)
2. TCA 49-6-6001; Public Acts of 2016, Chp. No. 844
3. TCA 49-6-6005
4. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03(6)
5. State Board of Education Policy 2.103
6. Public Acts of 2016, Chp. No. 499

Cross References

Basic Curriculum Program 4.201
Class Ranking 4.602