



Omaha Public Schools Graduation & College Entrance Requirements

OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
SUBJECT	CREDITS
ENGLISH	8 CREDITS Grade 9 – English 1 & 2 Grade 10 – English 3 & 4 Grade 11 – English 5 & 6 Grade 12 – English 7 & 8
SOCIAL STUDIES	7 CREDITS Grade 9 – U.S. History 1 & 2 Grade 10 – Human Geography & Intro to Economics Grade 11 – World History 1 & 2 Grade 12 – American Government
MATHEMATICS	6 CREDITS Grade 9 – Math as Recommended Grade 10 – Math as Recommended Grade 11 – Math as Recommended
SCIENCE	** 6 CREDITS Grade 9 – Physical Science 1 & 2 Grade 10 – Biology 1 & 2 Grade 11 – Science Elective
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 CREDITS
HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT	1 CREDIT
PERSONAL FINANCE	1 CREDIT Grade 12 – Personal Finance
COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	1 CREDIT Not required for 2025 & 2026 Graduating Classes
ELECTIVES	17 CREDITS – 2026 Graduating Class 16 CREDITS – 2027 & beyond Graduating Classes Consider education plans and interests
FAFSA	Complete or opt out of FAFSA
TOTAL CREDITS	48 CREDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE For all OPS High Schools

ON-TRACK TO GRADUATE

Being “on track” means you’re on the right path to graduate on time! A student’s on-track status is a key indicator in helping students understand if they will graduate on time. You are considered “on track” if you:

- Pass all required courses for your grade level.
- Earn the total number of credits listed in the chart below.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BY GRADE LEVEL

SUBJECT	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
English	2	2	2	2	8
Social Studies	2	2	2	1	7
Math	2	2	2	–	6
Science	2	2	2	–	6
Physical Education	–	–	–	2	2
Personal Finance	–	–	–	1	1
Electives	4	4	4	6	18
Total	12	12	12	12	48

Note: 48 Credits are required to graduate.

*** For students who have successfully completed Physical Science in 8th grade, their sequence will begin with Biology.*

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is used to determine financial aid at colleges/universities

TYPICAL 4-YEAR COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

High School Diploma or GED

English Courses
4 years

Social Studies Courses
3 years

Mathematics Courses
3-4 years, generally including Algebra 1-2, Geometry 1-2, and Algebra 3-4

Science Courses
3 years, typically with at least one lab-based

World Language Courses
2-3 years, recommended but sometimes required

Other Requirements
Additional coursework, GPA, Standardized Tests (ACT/SAT), Letters of Recommendation, Extracurricular Activities, and Personal Essays may be required

Students and parents/guardians should research the requirements of each institution they are interested in to ensure that students have selected appropriate courses and meet requirements.

TYPICAL 2-YEAR COLLEGE/TRADE PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

High School Diploma or GED

Other Requirements

Additional coursework, Placement Tests (ACT or other Placement Tests), Program-Specific Requirements

Community colleges and trade schools often have open enrollment policies, meaning they accept all applicants who meet the basic requirements. These institutions offer more flexible and accessible options for students looking to enter the workforce quickly or explore specific trades without committing to a 4-year degree program. Requirements depend on the institution, so it's essential to check with the specific school you are interested in.

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