

## **High School Graduation Requirements**

### Publication of Graduation Requirements

Prior to registering for high school, each student will be provided with a copy of the current graduation requirements. Graduation requirements shall also be included in the student handbook.

### Credits

Students shall be expected to earn a total of **50 trimester credits** in order to complete graduation requirements for a Madison High School diploma.

**29** trimester credits of core of instruction  
+ **21** elective credits  
**50 Trimester credits required**

### **Core Instruction:**

Secondary Language Arts and Communication		9 credits
English (language study, composition, literature)	8 credits	
Speech or Debate	1 credit	

Mathematics		6 credits*
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Algebra I (or meets Algebra I standards)	2 credits
Geometry (or meets Geometry standards)	2 credits
Secondary Mathematics of the student's choice	2 credits

\*(Two credits must be taken in the last year of high school in which the student intends to graduate. For the purposes of this procedure, the last year of high school shall include the summer preceding the fall start of classes. Students who return to school during the summer or the following fall of the next year for less than a full schedule of courses due to failing to pass a course other than math are not required to retake a math course as long as they have earned six credits of high school level mathematics.)

Science		6 credits*
Secondary Science		6 credits*
*(4 credits shall be laboratory sciences)		

Social Studies		5 credits
Government	2 credits	
US History	2 credits	
Economics	1 credit	

Arts and Humanities		2 credits
Interdisciplinary humanities, visual and performing arts, or Foreign language		

Health		1 credit
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<b>Elective credits</b>		<b>21 credits</b>
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### Middle School Credit

Students may earn high school credits prior to 9<sup>th</sup> grade if all of the following conditions are true:

1. Completes any required high school course with a grade of C or higher before entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade,
2. The course meets the same standards that are required in high school, and
3. The course is taught by a secondary endorsed certified teacher.

The student shall be given a grade for the successful completion of that course and such grade and the number of credit hours assigned to the course shall be transferred to the student's high school transcript and the student's parent or guardian shall be notified in advance when credits are going to be transcribed. However, the student's parent or guardian may elect to not have the credits and grade transferred to the student's high school transcript. The student still must complete the required number of credits in all high school core subjects identified above in addition to the courses completed in middle school, unless the student is a participant in the Advanced Opportunities Program.

### College Entrance Examination

A student must take one of the following college entrance or placement examinations before the end of the student's 11<sup>th</sup> grade year: SAT or ACT.

A student may elect an exemption in their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year from the college entrance exam requirement if the student is:

1. Enrolled in a special education program and has an Individual Education Plan that specifies accommodations not allowed for a reportable score on the approved tests;
2. Enrolled in a Limited English Proficient program for three academic years or less;
3. Enrolled for the first time in grade 12 at an Idaho high school after the spring statewide administration of the college entrance exam; or

A student who misses the statewide administration of the college exam during the student's 11<sup>th</sup> grade year may instead take the examination during his or her 12<sup>th</sup> grade year if the student:

1. Transferred to an Idaho school district during his or her 11<sup>th</sup> grade year;
2. Was homeschooled during his or her 11<sup>th</sup> grade year; or
3. Missed the spring statewide administration of the college entrance exam for a documented medical reason.

### Senior Project – Project Citizen

Madison High School uses either an independent Project Citizen or a student's participation in Project Citizen (required of all seniors who take Government B) to fulfill the State requirement for completions of a Senior Project.

### Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) by Smarter Balance

In addition to obtaining the necessary credits as outlined above, a student will take the Idaho Student Achievement Test (ISAT) as defined by State Board of Education rules.

<b>Madison School District 321</b>		
Alternate Plan for Students Opted out on SBAC (2017+)		
<b>Content Area</b>	<b>11th Grade</b>	<b>12 Grade</b>
English/Language Arts	Pass English 11 and English 11 Elective and participate in the SAT.	Pass English 12 <b>AND</b> English Elective.
Mathematics	Participate in the SAT.	Pass at least 2 math classes.

Civics Test

Idaho State Senate Bill No. 1071 requires that all high school graduates, starting in 2017, pass a 100-question Civics Exam (provided by the state department). Tests results will appear on the official high school transcript.

Passing Score: Class of 2017 – 60%, Class of 2018+ = 70%

Madison High School students will take the Civics Test during 11th grade U.S. History B.

Test Administration: Five study guides and links to other study materials for student use are available at <http://madisonbobcatsusacivictest.weebly.com>. Students will be expected to complete all five study guides, which can be used while taking the test. The test was altered from its original format (fill-in-the-blank), during the 2015-2016 school year, and turned into a multiple-choice test with 4 choices. Students are expected to take the 100-question multiple-choice test until they earn a passing score.

Science End of Course Assessment

Students that enroll in either Biology B or Chemistry B are required to participate in a Science End of Course Assessment (EOC) during the trimester they participate in the course. The state of Idaho has not set cut scores; therefore, only participation is required.

Waiver of Requirement

Graduation requirements generally will not be waived under any circumstances. However, in rare and unique hardship circumstances, the principal may recommend, and the Superintendent may approve, minor deviation from the graduation requirements.

Alternative Programs

Credit toward graduation requirements may be granted for planned learning experiences from accredited programs, such as summer school, college and university courses, correspondence courses, and online/virtual courses.

Credit for work experience is offered when the work program is a part of and supervised by the school for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students only. Seniors may take up to six credits during 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> hour only.

All classes attempted at Madison High School and all acceptable transfer credits shall be recorded on the transcript. All grades earned, including failures and retakes, shall be recorded as such and utilized in the calculation of Grade Point Average (GPA) and class rank. Credit shall be awarded only once per course, depending on the specific course. See the counseling office for a list of classes that can be repeated for credit.

Honor Roll

A student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 to be placed on the honor roll. Specific information regarding honors at graduation is included in the student handbook.

Class Rank (GPA)

Class rank is compiled from trimester grades. Courses not eligible for GPA are designated with a pass/fail on the report card.

Early Graduation

The Superintendent is authorized to create any procedures necessary to assist students to achieve early graduation as well create incentives for participation in any early graduation program. Existing programs providing incentives to complete coursework early are described in Policy 2435 Advanced Opportunities.

All students at Madison High School are on track and pursuing the “Madison High School Diploma”, which requires a total of 50 credits, when they start high school. A “Madison School District Diploma” recipient must have earned 29 trimester credits, plus an additional 17 elective credits for a total of 46 credits.

Cross Reference: 2435 Advanced Opportunities

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-4601, <i>et seq.</i>	Advanced Opportunities
IDAPA 08.02.01.350	Early Graduation
IDAPA 08.02.03.105	High School Graduation Requirements
IDAPA 08.02.03.107	Middle Level Credit System

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