

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BAYFIELD

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The successful completion of 25 credits shall be required for graduation from Bayfield High School. Students shall also be required to be in high school attendance eight semesters, except as otherwise provided. Further, a student shall be enrolled in a class or participating in a Board-approved activity during each class period of each school day during the high school years in order to receive a diploma.

The credits required for graduation shall include the following:

English	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits*
Health	1/2 credit
Business Education	1/2 credit
School Connect	1/2 credit
Electives	9 credits

*\* Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be granted ½ credit in physical education for participating in a varsity sport during their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year. The students would need to complete an additional 0.5 credit in English, social studies, mathematics, science, or health education in lieu of 0.5 credit in physical education.*

Additional Credit beyond the offerings at Bayfield High School

Additional credit may be earned and accepted while enrolled at Bayfield High School on the following basis, if approved by the principal:

1. High School Correspondence courses accredited by the University of Wisconsin or other major universities, to a maximum of three high school credits. Bayfield School District will pay (after successful completion) for courses for which there is not an equivalent subject offered at Bayfield High School.
2. Accredited college courses or WITC courses.
3. For accredited college courses, three general education semester credits equal one high school credit. For other technical school courses, four semester credits equal one high school credit.
4. Work experience approved under the School-to-Work or Job Target programs, to a maximum of two high school credits toward graduation.
5. For approved work experience one hundred eighty clock hours (180) equals one high school credit.

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, in order to be eligible for a District high school diploma, a student must have taken and successfully completed the state required civics test while enrolled in the high school grades in the District or, as determined by the administration, in another qualifying school or program. For students with disabilities who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), this requirement shall be modified or waived to the extent provided by the student's IEP and/or by applicable law.

**Minimum Load**

The minimum credit requirement for a student at Bayfield High School is 6 1/2 credits per year and 6 classes per semester, except the semester of early graduation. A student who is in the fifth year, or one whose class has graduated, will be allowed to carry less than the 6 1/2. NOTE: The minimum load is added for consideration.

In lieu of the above requirements, a student may be eligible for a Bayfield High School diploma if he/she has been enrolled in an alternative education program approved by the Board, and the Board determines that the student has demonstrated a level of proficiency in English, social studies, mathematics, physical education and health education, equivalent to the proficiency which the student would have attained if he/she had completed the requirements outlined above.

Accommodations to the graduation requirements may also be made for students with exceptional educational interests, needs or requirements in accordance with state law and established procedures.

The high school principal shall be responsible for ensuring that students meet the necessary requirements for high school graduation.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 115.92      Wisconsin Statutes  
                  118.153  
                  118.33  
                  121.02(1)(p)  
                  PI 18, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 342.5, Programs for Children At Risk  
                  345.41, Early Graduation  
                  345.42, Graduation Exercises

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